

YOU can discover NEW ZEALAND



PERHAPS with the chief object in view of "checking up" on some of the extravagant claims of the "other side" in the old North v. South Island wrangle, many servicemen will be using their furloughs to see either the Northerners' or the Southerners' homeland for themselves. Here, CUE hopes to give some guidance as to what can be seen in both Islands, with suggested itineraries for your travels.

There has always been a noticeable inclination for "N. Z. Roll-ers" to commence making exhaustive inquiries about the home addresses of their erstwhile companions-in-arms, all of which data is carefully entered in a little notebook. This is no less than a carefully compiled "bludging list" which enables the possessor to descend without warning upon your hearth and lay claim to food and shelter which you have rashly promised at some alcoholic moment in the past. Therefore, it is wise to use a little discretion sometimes in imparting the information desired. One cautious soldier solved the difficulty by informing his Northern friends that he lived at the Bluff, while Southerners will search vainly for him at North Cape. This is perhaps carrying discretion to the extreme, but if you give your address with some qualifying remark such as: "We live in a caravan and move around quite a bit... and most likely won't be home anyway", it may suffice.

For the sole reason that it is nearer the equator the North Island will be dealt with first. Southerners, a new world awaits you!

The jumping-off point is Wellington, which as the unhappy scene of your embarkation for overseas requires no introduction, of course. The capital city is famed for its wind, but the harbour, surrounded by its high hills, is of equal importance in the estimation of its inhabitants. The following itinerary will embrace most of the tourist attractions and scenic wonders of the "Mainland", or "49th State"—whichever way you care to look at it. As far as possible a round trip is made to eliminate "doubling up" on places where your welcome may have worn a little thin, anyway.

The first step is from Wellington, via the Wairarapa, to Napier. Those who have seen Cassino will be greatly interested in the way the residents have cleared away the earthquake debris in the last 14 years. The Marine Parade is Napier's pride. From Napier the next stop could be Wairoa, with a road trip to Lake Waikaremoana through some of the most luxurious forest in New Zealand and then via the Urewera Country—scene of the last retreat of the Rebel Maoris after the 1860 uprising—to Rotorua. This main thermal centre of New Zealand with its geysers, lakes and magical spas as well as its Maori residents making use of these phenomena in the most matter-of-fact way, always has great appeal for the sightseer. The lakes and Waimangu, Wairakei and Whakarewarewa are full of bizarre surprises.

Waitomo Caves, home of stalactites and stalagmites and the famed Glow-worm Grotto, is the next calling place,