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THIS IS NOT A HOME ISSUE.

NEXT week Dozerdust will be produced by a group of "Guest Editors" Waactracers be on lookout.

MONDAY night. GET FIR CAMPAIGN opens. At boxing ring at 4.30.

DOZERDUST conveys congratulations and best wishes to Lieut. Scott, of H.Q.Works on his promotion.

A limited number of ATWS Background Bulletins are available for those interested. Vol. 2.No 1, *Carero*, is a particularly good issue.

IT is suggested that our " Bog Ape " change his name to "Break-down " as he managed start the morning off with a broken axel. axle.

REMEMBER - the short Story Competition is worth \$5 - 30/- for the best story.500 wards and humorous. C'mon Wharf Coy. Buy a War Bond with the prize.

SITTING ON IT.

IN few places in the world today can one literally sit on mineral wealth to the tune of millions. It can be done in New Caledonia; it is done every time we take a walk across the hills and sit down. Here is a quote from a report on the mineral resources of the island:-

" The mineral resources are enormous. Apart from nickel and chrome ores....there are large deposits of iron, manganese and cobalt; while antimony, mercury, cinna- bar, copper, lead, silver and gold have been found in quantityThere are considerable deposits of coal. "

Furthermore, official figures show that over the period 1930-8 New Caledonia supplied 12% of the world's nickel & 10.5% of the world's chrome. :::: Members of our Unit who are mining men say the ground is no more than scratched. Is it not incredible that so much wealth is under foot, when so little is evident among the Mai- culis.

" NOT so bad as it is made out, but pretty crook, nevertheless, " was how Spr. G.B.Lyon summed up his exper- ience on Vella." The worst feature of life (apart from Army food) is the Bush Ant and lesser species of the the tribe. You have only to leave your haversack down for a few minutes and you have an ant nest complete with grandpa, grandma and all the poor relations for com- pany. But you get used to it - after a while, you let them crawl all over you and dont worry!he concluded. Along with Spr. Lyon are Sprs.....

F. B. Allen
A.G. Walls
H.G. Wilder.
W.E. Fussey.
A.J. Malone

....all of whom have been attached to Field Engineers in the forward area. Dozerdust extends a welcome to the "boys" and leaves them to Snapper.