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THIS IS NOT A HOME ISSUE.

AT a meeting of the Graham Clan the other morning, Noel and Fred agreed that Nocal was too good leave for another few months. Fred says "No Graham ever walked out on a job half done" - so we will stay. (OC for your information)

ALF Bluck reports that ex-tent mate Tommy Stokes is now teamed up with Cpl. Georgeson at Base - we hope Tommy keeps clean of the "Treachereous" Whitten.

BOB Mackie and Bill Hanlon report that it is only a matter of weeks before they have "Killer" Cain a keen Nationalist. "Killer" says Bob "is a very sensible man".

GORDON MACALE says he is now settling down to a "steady Kanaka life" - result of association with Kanaka Jewellers perhaps.

ANOTHER old timer to move out is Sgt. Lipanovic who leaves on Monday for BRD.

ON GOING HOME.

ELSTWIERT we publish the names of Works Coy. personnel who are returning to Essential Industries in New Zealand. It would not be difficult to furnish a much longer list of those of us who feel that Essential Industries should call us too. No Churchman waits the "call" so eagerly as the Nocal weary Kiwis. ::: ONE of the patients who was through all the campaigns in the forward area said that the thought uppermost in the thoughts of all the men taking part in the campaign was "to get home". Probably the highest tribute to the folks back home and to N.Z. itself. ::: IT can be said of Works Coy. personnel who are returning, that they go back with the conviction that they did a damn good job of work while over here, and that during their period here they were worthy representatives of the country to which they are returning.

"WHAT IS THE BANK OF N.Z. LIKE ON OVERDRAFTS TO FARMERS?" - this was a question we overheard several Works personnel put to Alf Bluck this week. (Alf's line of bull was - if I am in the bank your O.K. You'll find me at Cambridge)

THE meaning of the word "Gook" is vague, but it applies to anything native and is used by servicemen in the forward areas. So far as we can ascertain, it has been coined in this war.

WE congratulate Lieut. Mann and party on the completion of the Kiwi Club which was officially opened on April 14.

WARNING: to all ranks:

Q.M. Johnny Sutherland goes to Base Camp Monday 24th.

BOB Johnston still in hospital and likely to be there another fortnight. He sends regards to Naiculi Numbskulls.

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