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FOR some members of Works Construction Coy. the year May 19-43 -44 is not the first spent overseas; for many others it followed a long period of training in N.Z. and for some, but for a brief training period, marked a sharp transition from civil life to "Active Service".::: I do not think New Zealand could have gathered together in one Unit a better array of technical ability than has been assembled in this Company of ours which, after its initial growing pains, built itself into a good team.::: I am aware that many of our members would have preferred to have taken a more active part in the forward areas, but I think you will all recognise, when all the circumstances are taken into consideration, that you were the right men in the right place.::: HAD it been necessary, as it might have been, I am sure that you would have done equally well in the forward areas had you been called upon.::: I have no hesitation in saying that the conduct of the Unit both at work and at play has been creditable both to the Kiwi Force and to New Zealand. I hope that the year that has passed has cemented friendships that will continue in the future and that our experiences here will give us a wider understanding of New Zealand and the Pacific.

LIEUT. D. BROOKER

ENGINEERS STORES.

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WITH the approach of the end of our first year of operation, Engineer Stores can look back on twelve months of hard work with considerable satisfaction.::: NO part of our organisation has been expected to do so much with so little. But in spite of numerous difficulties we have been able to build up from nothing and provide a very important service both for Works Service Units and other Units of the Force.::: I would like to thank the numerous members of Works Services who have assisted in doing this at various times and also Sgts Lindsay, Chapman, Burge and Bark who have always worked untiringly.::: WE thank all those members of Works Services who have given us their cooperation, which is so essential in providing an Engineers Stores Service.

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THE Units of Works Service NZE - Engineer Stores, the Construction Coy and Wharf Operating Unit - can look back on the past twelve months with pride. A great deal of work has been well done - in fact one hears that some jobs are too well done. This is rather refreshing when one considers that most criticism in the Army has the opposite flavour.::: IN carrying out these jobs there naturally have been some ups and downs, and on looking around one can see other jobs which, perhaps, should have been done . . . but our worth to the Force should be judged not on what is yet to do, but on what has been done in spite of the difficulties.::: YOUR folk in N.Z. may well be proud of your efforts. There has been no glamour, but Works Services has lived up to its name, in that both the "work" and the "services" provided for all Units have made and are making life more pleasant for all members of the N.Z.E.F.I.P.::: AS the head of your Service I have received both praise and kicks . . . for the praise my thanks are due to each of you individually and all of you as a team . . . as for the kicks, well they have been worth it.

AN APOLOGY.

WE regret that it has not been possible to obtain a word from Captain F.J. Clark, OC of the Wharf Operating Unit before going to press. We had hoped to make a trip to their HQ, but did not find it possible. We shall reserve two full pages for the 1944-45 issue.

OUR THANKS.

WE have to thank Jim Craig for his sketch, Ray Barnaby for reproduction of "Dozerdust", Gordon Larsen and P.J. Kenna for the lettering, Ted Knowling for the article on

transport of all men in uniform to points of embarkation. This is a splendid gesture from so young a concern. We hope that the Hon. P. Webb will extend them his customary acknowledgement.