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--- EDITORIAL ---

Sometimes the soldier thinks that he is the only one who is suffering privations, the only one who is making sacrifices to win the war. There is a great deal of talk about the importance of the morale of the soldier. Quite true, too - the morale of the soldier is certainly a thing to be reckoned with. One of the best assets to soldierly morale is the regular arrival of mail from home. But there is another side to the picture. We are not the only ones making sacrifices. Those we have left back in New Zealand are making sacrifices equally as great - not always physical ones, but much more exacting ones - mental anxiety. In times of stress those who are actually in the difficult position have their minds relieved by action, but not so those who wait to hear the result. Censorship regulations necessarily bar us from writing home all that we should like, and consequently there is anxiety on the part of those at home in our regard. Their morale is as important as our own, and no less important is the bolstering up of that morale.

We have it in our power to help them. The way? Write cheerful and regular letters. The knowledge that we are writing regularly, even though the letters do not arrive regularly, will be the greatest factor in helping the home front. Write cheerful letters. We all have our likes and dislikes, our petty grudges, our inconveniences - but why not make a virtue of necessity. It is war; and, being an unnatural condition for civilised men, unnatural conditions are a necessary consequence - but why burden others with our load? Back home they look for our letters just as much as we look for theirs. Write often - write cheerfully - and in that way we are doing a job towards our home morale.

WEEKLY WHO'S ZOO:

MARSHALL, John Richard

Born: 2.4.14. Little known of sordid circumstances of birth. Thought to be son of commercial traveller selling ice in Alaska.

Church: None now - evicted from churches of all denominations owing to habit of imbibing ecclesiastical wine too freely.

Education: Thought to have had a private tutor.

Clubs: French Club - "Do Gaulles Gallentes".

Hobbies: Great student of French conversation. Keen promoter of goodwill between Allies (male and female). Making excuses to visit French homes. Entertaining socially at RHQ but more often at Owen Toro. Knowing every early morning launch time-table by heart.

Author of two books: "Love's Labour Lost" - a novel dealing with the danger of an inadequate grasp of French (language). "Fundamental

ARE YOU JADED OR DEPRESSED ?? ????????

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We are happy to be able to assure our Americans that N.Z. has NOT been torpedoed and sunk -

The beer, by all accounts, has been side tracked to DIV HQ, but will arrive in due course. ---

WE HOPE !!!!!!!

"French Phrases" or "Snatches of French"; an invaluable book for the young lover, based on writer's personal experience. Gives every phrase from "Come and see my etchings" to Turn over, I want some sleep now, darling".