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AT SEA

WEDNESDAY, April 18 1945.

TODAY in the 13th and final issue of "The Highlander," we publish words of appreciation and messages of goodwill from the Master of the ship. Captain J. W. Carr. Lieut.-Col. E. J. Thomson, O.C. N.Z. Troops, and Lieut.-Col. Matthew Robb, O.C. British Troops, for

WE ARE NEARING OUR HOME SHORES

From the Bridge

"With your war service and our voyage coming to a close (the latter, I imagine, appearing to you as equally as long as the former), I would like to thank you all for your co-operation during the past month. It has been a pleasant co-operation which is so necessary if a crowded troopship is to be a contented one.

"During the course of a long sea career, one meets many people with whom one would like to have a better acquaintanceship, but who are simply ships that pass in the night. They provide nevertheless happy memories, and no memories could be happier than those created by the men who have fought for our very existence. And not only fought for it but won it.

"In a day or two we shall leave you to your wives, sweethearts, parents and friends. I wish you all the very best of luck in 'Civvy Street' or wherever fortune may lead you, and I thank you for all you have done for us—from Alamein to Northern Italy."

J. W. CARR, *Captain.*

Our Appreciation

"The homeward voyage of the Southern Tongariros is drawing to a close. On behalf of all ranks, I would like to express to Captain J. W. Carr his officers and all the ship's company, our appreciation for what they have done to make our trip a happy one. We have made many friendships on board which will last a long time. We will watch with interest 'our' ship's future, and we wish you all God Speed and Good Luck.!

"To all those under my command, as we are about to return to civil life, I wish you all the very best of luck. We have all had experiences together that no one can take away and I know that the bonds of friendship created in 2 N.Z.E.F. can never be severed.

"May you have all the prosperity in your future lives that you so richly deserve."

E. J. THOMSON, Lt.Col.
O.C. Troops.

Best Wishes

"It gives me the greatest pleasure to convey to all ranks of H.M. New Zealand Forces on board the best wishes of my staff and myself for the future. I sincerely hope you have a happy reunion with your families.

MATTHEW ROBB, Lt.Col.
The Gordon Highlanders.

AND WE THANK . . .

Those of the ship's company who made possible the publication and distribution of this news sheet, which has provided a small but appreciated service with the presentation of headline news and shipboard announcements."

Many hours of work have been involved in hand-setting every line of type and then returning each letter to its respective box; splendid co-operation has been given by radio officers in getting us the world news and tuning in at various hours of the night for N.Z. items; in fact every facility has been provided for the printing of "The Highlander." All of this we greatly appreciate and for which we offer our THANKS.

EDITOR.