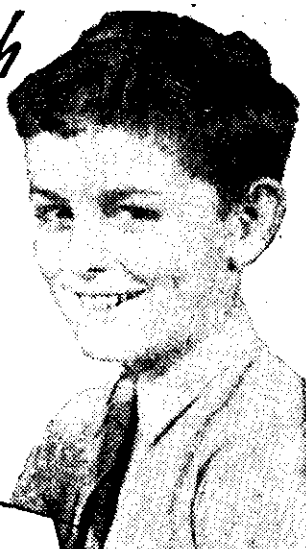


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Rehabilitation in Retrospect



WHAT has New Zealand accomplished in rehabilitating ex-servicemen in the past 10 years? Most of the work of rehabilitation has now been completed, and in four talks to be heard from YA and YZ stations at 9.15 p.m. on Mondays, starting on February 1, the Director of Rehabilitation, Colonel F. Baker, has set out "to try and give you all, as shareholders in the rehabilitation scheme, at least part of the answer." Colonel Baker first mentions the scope and organisation of the scheme: 216,000 applications for assistance granted; £123,000,000 authorised for loans, £10,000,000 for other assistance, and £26,000,000 for the purchase and development of land. Against this background he describes how individual cases have been met—starting with a look at the help given to wives and children of men killed in the war.

PRISONER OF THE COUNT

FROM where we are lying at anchor the island looks very pretty with the fronds of the coconut trees against the skyline. I have never been ashore on a South Sea Island and am looking forward to my day of shore leave."

That was what Fred Williams, of Brooklyn, New York, wrote in his log on August 1, 1917—and they were not far from qualifying as famous last words. Fred Williams was then a prisoner on Count von Luckner's famous raider Seeadler. A day or two later he was ashore on Mopeha, but not just on leave, for the Seeadler was sitting high on the coral reef, and every surge of the sea was pounding and breaking her.

Fred Williams of Brooklyn is now Captain F. J. Williams. Burns Philp

marine superintendent at Apia, Samoa. Some time ago he told the story of his capture by the Seeadler to Kathleen Newick, and in *The Count and Captain Williams* she has re-told it for NZBS listeners—much of it in Captain Williams's own words.

It is an exciting story, for Captain Williams—at the time of his capture he was mate of the three-masted schooner Manila—took part in both the attempts to escape from Mopeha after the Germans left. In the first of these he was 12 days at sea in a small open boat, part of the time in a gale, with heavy seas, and he ended up where he began.

The first talk in this series of four will be heard from 4YA at 7.15 p.m. on Monday, February 1. They will be broadcast later from other stations.



CAPTAIN F. J. WILLIAMS



COUNT VON LUCKNER

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