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EDITORIAL:

INTRODUCING OURSELVES

THIS is the initial issue of our ship's paper, which will appear twice weekly for the duration of the voyage. Sufficient paper is available for approximately one copy to five men.

We are faced with several difficulties and we trust that you will receive the efforts of your fellow soldiers in a charitable light. As there is no printing office on the ship, the paper has to be cyclostyled from a typed stencil.

This is your paper. We ask you to take part in it and to submit articles of general interest, small scraps of information, sketches and jokes. It will contain regularly a summary of the news of the day, more personal information concerning entertainment, leave, and the ship's scandal, articles dealing with the history of the transport, and a series of articles telling those of you to whom the East is still a land of mystery and glamour something of its realities and pitfalls.

Regarding a memento of the voyage which you can send home, we hope to print a souvenir magazine which will contain the best of the articles and other material that will be reminiscent of this trip in days to come. It has been suggested that we have such a magazine properly printed upon reaching our destination; but, as this will entail obvious difficulties of distribution when we are thrown to the four winds, such an undertaking may be impracticable and we shall have possibly to collate a larger cyclostyled copy. In conclusion, let us again invite your co-operation; it will while away your time. All contributions should be handed into Room 54 "B" deck.

MESSAGE FROM O.C. TROOPS.

MOST of you will now have developed your "sea-legs" and will be taking an active interest in the voyage that lies ahead. It promises to be an interesting and, perhaps, a long one and for the latter reason calls for special individual effort on the part of each and every one of us. We are fortunate in having with us many seasoned soldiers with wide experience who can do much to assist those who are proceeding overseas for the first time.

The important things at all times are the security of the ship and the maintenance of common sense discipline peculiar to us New Zealanders. The Security of the ship involves strict adherence to the rules of the blackout, censorship and the casting of waste overboard. By discipline, I mean your tolerant understanding of and helpful assistance in overcoming the difficulties common to a large body of troops aboard ship.

Monotony and boredom are evils to be avoided at all costs - take all the exercise you can, read, form discussion groups and make use of the various facilities offering for the employment of your leisure time. Finally, this is a good ship with a proud record; let us uphold her honour on this occasion of her first trip with New Zealanders.

To you all - bon voyage.

ROUGH WEATHER:

WE can now boast of having shared with this brave old ship rougher weather than she has encountered in her last year of extensive voyaging. At its height the gale was bordering on the 70 mile per hour class; the waves were a sight that we shall probably never forget.