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BETW a quiet week in camp except for the debate on Friday night. Not a bad show either. Guess I haven't heard many soldiers talk the way you boys do when you get on the platform. Mind you, an' I 'aint tryin' to pean in your pockets, I reckon the Kiwi is the best educated soldier I've come across in me travels. He has a close grip on things that's goin' on around him.. When the lade was talkin' I had a belt at the supper "Robbie" turned on; mighty good it was too. I reckon these cooks of ours are a good bunch - only gotta ask 'em to help out an' they dont grumble. ::: GUESS I'll have to be goin' up to see the "Naiouli Numbskulls" one of these days. Hope Lieut. Scott still up there and makin' his call to the Ice Cream place. Guess I'd better warn you boys that when you go up to Base you'll find insignia of "Naiouli Numbskulls" bit disturbing. Young Norm Matthews got busy with his pocket knife, cut a block out of flat rubber and made a damn good block - but I guess T.P.H. and Norm 'aint got the courage to put the insignia on a letter to "Mum". I hear Bob Johnston is goin' crook 'cos more of his poems 'aint been in Dozerdust; an' I saw the Editor tearin' his hair 'cos they were so long. ::: SAY, fellas, this dance that's comin' off on Friday night oughta be good - reckon I stand a chance with "Sunshine"? I don't want you boys hopin' in an' spoilin' me chances. Reckon I got a tough time ahead. "Spoc" "Tut" will miss Stuart and "Flatpin" will be disappointed 'cos her "Big Brother" hasn't got his teeth. Course a man can dance without his teeth - but.....there is it. Any you boys heard from Charlie Rye? Maybe he's too busy doin' his scene to write. Somethin' like iss ..... - what's here name. I cant remember. Guess I'll have to hop into Transit soon too.

## DEBATING.

### Works Scores Narrow Victory.

BY a narrow margin Works Debating team scored a win over Transit team on Friday evening when a return debate was held in Works Moss Hall. The question debated was that: "A return to Victorian Ideals would be beneficial to our Nation". Padre Hall of 4th.N.Z. Gen. Hosp. acted as judge, Lieut. S. Tremain, Works, as chairman & Padre Goffin, Transit, as Time - keeper. & Spr. P.J. Kenma in opening the affirmative for Works, defined the term "Ideal" as a "Standard of Intellectual Perfection" and went on to outline the motivating force of Victorian Ideals. This expressed itself in pride of country culminating in the Ideal of a Commonwealth; to that was added industrial expansion and a high standard of home life. The absence of settled convictions in our age, the lack of stability and the naked self-interest showed the need for a dash of Victorian Ideals. ::: LEADING the attack with rapier thrusts, Cpl. Izod, Transit, neatly pointed out the inadequacy of the affirmative's definition and, quoting the Oxford Dictionary, he defined Victorian Ideals as a "standard set up for imitation, and that, the negative contended, was what the vaunted Victorian Ideals amounted to. That was revealed in the religious, political and social history of the period. "Duplicity, hypocrisy and sham were the characteristics of the age - we are at least honest in our selfishness. We do not cover up our aims in the folds of a pink nightgown in iron bedsteads!" (hear, hear)

::: Sgt. Cliff Foster, Works, came back with J.S. Mill, Florence Nightingale, the Factory Acts, Catholic Emancipation Bill and a string of reforms that made the Victorian age an age of rampant idealism. "Religious missions did have the welfare of the natives at heart and on every showing had more to commend them than Lever Bros. or Burn Philips. Moreover, it had to be remembered that the Victorian ideal began in an age of child and female labour in the mines - and ended with a creditable range of social legislation behind it. We need more of this humanitarian outlook" ::: THE painted weapon of satire was jabbed deeply by Sgt. Clouston,