

LOZER DUSTINGS.WAR AIMS.For & By Services Section.The Returned Civilian. 5.

MORE of the lads left for the Con Depot this week. Building Section have only 10 Carpenters left, so that we are now in a small majority.

H.M.S. NEVERFAIL - continues to roll out her daily quota of shigle, even though she now carries "Tirid" Norton along for most of the day. Charlie Hardwick says she will be good for another couple of years.

VERN BIGGS - is still as touchy as an Opera singer, but Les Day gets along without tapping off the high notes.

CHARLIE GOTTIN - now out of hospital; he is OC of the petrol point where he has a hut in which he says "this is where I hide S/M Kronast most of the day."

C.A.C. FEID - has given up making manholes in his sleep; but never lets up on the letter writing.

J. WELLS - boss of the new concrete mixer which he keeps well polished, hoping he will eventually get her in a parade at Noumea. He reckons he could turn the handle as good as the best at the saluting base.

"NAIOULI NUMBEKULLS - at Base continue with interior decorations.

LES WATSON - still reverently combs his hair 20 times a day.

"COW COW BOGGIE WOOGIE" - not so well this week. We do not believe that too frequent visits to Pig House "the cause.

BERT STONER - as Minister of Supply fears he will soon be out of supply to supply supplies.

FRED GRAHAM - strikes for Scotty SEPTON who he is sending back through breaking so many handles.

"INKY" WINTER - had not been on over again - much to our surprise.

"OILIE" NATHAN - still making arse-banes...always his "last". Works for the firm in his spare time.

VITAMIN D COY. now languished away...."IKK" thy fame has gone.

"THE Board (Rehabilitation) recognises that the successful rehabilitation of ex-servicemen and servicewomen depends vitally on the post-war reconstruction of New Zealand's economy and social life" This quotation is taken from a statement of the Rehabilitation Board and should receive the serious consideration of all soldiers now. The quotation emphasises that the "successful rehabilitation" of returned men and women depends on "reconstruction" of our economic and social life. That can only mean one of two things: that we return to a N.Z. of less State Enterprise and more Private Enterprise; or to a N.Z. of more State Enterprise and less Private Enterprise. Admitting the need of "reconstruction" we have to make up our minds how we are going to carry it through. A further quotation from the statement says:- "The policy of the Board is based upon the assumption that a long-term plan of reconstruction involving appropriate industrial, financial and distributive organisation, will be initiated by the Govt.". Notice: that it is the Govt. that is doing the planning; private enterprise; it is the a State Dept. that is taking the lead, not a Chamber of Commerce; that there has been no equal from private enterprise; there has been no alternative policy from private enterprise. Are we to assume that N.Z. as a whole is behind the Govt. in this matter of rehabilitating returned soldiers? With women, so with politics - silence gives consent. That being so, it follows that we must not start bawling for less Govt. interference, for a return to the "good old days when a man could call his soul his own" and not raise the price of a feed. Now is the time to examine any plans the Govt. has for "reconstruction"; it is too late when we return. There is no use being pitched cock & bull yarns when we return; fanning the superstition that private enterprise is the only way - when private enterprise sits mum now - may be good tactics for some people. Political jerryandering means some one gets away with the loot and the "sucker" gets the sympathy. (Cont. col 2 page 3)