



P R E S E N T S

WITH the pride of achievement seldom equalled in NEWS AGENCIES this unrivalled Service made all other press piddlers look like ham footed hacks. Early in the week Gonophone fans were on the run. At last the news was through : all to be home by June 44. What a sparkle in the eye ! It was true, it was Gonophone News. In a few days the flash was a Kiwi Dogma - and be damn'd to him who did not believe. :::: THE guy who bet ten bucks on Works being in Necal until June 45 was the sucker, and had to fumble for his bill fold. :::: " Bunny " Spencer and Doug Comrie saw " Mum " on the wharf waving to them. After the first flush of enthusiasm comes another flash from the tin. Maintenance party will have to remain to look after roads, drainage, electric lights and many of other services. A dim view of this taken, and before long thoroughly discredited. ::::: NEXT comes the discouraging hint that in going " home " does not mean we will not come back to Necal. And it does not mean that as soon as the boat hits the Wharf, the Manpower Committee will down there on bended knee to ask for Works personnel. While it is true that in Works are the best carpenters, plumbers, fitters, mechanics, electricians, drainage experts, draughtsmen and surveyors - to say nothing of the engineers - that N.Z. can turn out. While all this is true, the Manpower is probably totally unaware of their existence - even N.Z. as a whole is unaware of the wealth of ability & talent in the Unit. Sad indeed to relate, but there it is. Of course some of our personnel will immediately set about rectifying the error and utter darkness in which Manpower and country are lost. But, and here is the rub, the ARMY still has first say, and though on furlough, we will still be in the ARMY. We are in for the " duration and twelve months AFTER " ! So, if we do not come back - when we get away - to Necal, we will most surely go elsewhere...even to the Great China Wall where George Morston has set his heart's desire.

another Engineering Unit, or A.S.C., or any other Unit in need of qualified men. :::: X 3 List consists of all personnel undergoing refresher courses in Detention Barracks, Deserter's, and P.O.W's. X 5 List includes all personnel who are on course of over 14 days. X 6 List (which will not interest us) is the list on which all personnel going to N.Z. on leave, compassionate, etc, or furlough ^{are placed} ~~are placed~~ are sub-lists such as X4a List which is for personnel without previous affiliations in N.Z.E.F.I.P. An X4c List made up of Grade 2 men posted for Base duties in New Guinea Area. There are other Lists, but they do not concern us. The main thing " concluded Sgt. Foster, " is to remember that a man on an X List is no longer a member of his Unit and that he will not necessarily be reposed to his Unit on discharge from hospital. " :::: With that we folded up our notebook and enquired how Sgt. Foster's chest was improving. " Still pretty sore, after the extra effort I put in to be ready to help the class put up the Boilers some people don't appreciate what the effort meant to us " he sadly said. We offered our sympathy - after all a chest is a chest !

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REMEMBER MOTHER'S DAY !!

THE NATION'S TRIBUTE.

THIS the day for drapers, Beauty Salons, Woolworths, J. R. McKenzies, and even Self Help -- it is Mother's Day. The day to whoop along your sales. (We have a number of Pennants, in first class order, of high quality & which would make a charming present, which are left over. What about buying half a dozen - one to your Mother and the other five to other Mothers you know.)
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OUR Art Editor, S/Sgt. Jim
Craig earned, our thanks a-
part, high praise from all
on his sketches in home ¹⁴⁹⁰
Dozerdust. His coloured
copies were particularly
good. He is working on a
character for a comic strip.

STOP PRESS: Base Camp, March. Harry Compton reports indignation over Home Issue among men in Base Camp.