

NIGHT SHIFT SWINGS INTO

ACTION ON WEAPON CHESTS .

UNDER powerful electric lights on Monday night a shift of nineteen men started the saws screaming on a straight run from 1800hrs to 2359hrs in an effort to catch up on the demand for weapon chests. Instead of attempting to use works temporary carpenters shop, the shift moved into workshop at 37th Field Park where shifts from Div. Engineers are on during the day.

WELDERS & ALL

A visit at 1900hrs found Welders Buckley, Watson and Johnstone H.G.P. all behind saws cutting off lengths for boxes; mechanic Stan White was busy with chisel; Nelson White, grader driver, looked like an old timer behind a saw, while Truck Drivers "Kanaka" Dobson, "Red" Drury, Jack Richards and R.V. Smith were keeping up production to Carpenters Nicholson, Burnett, Sayers and Jennings. O'Reilly was handling a hammer in a way that showed he'd be a nasty man in a nail driving competition. THE combination of carpenters, welders, drivers mechanics and others were knocking chests together in what will be record time: it was one of the best exhibitions of self-imposed drive anyone could wish to see. One might well shudder to think what would happen to Works Service should a Manpower Officer look in on the demonstration.

THE Quartermaster is a busy man these days. With his staff of three he has had the time of his life dismantling and packing. The issue of Battle Dresses under "Pop" Drayton and Tommy Stokes was a well organised piece of work. If the uniforms had been up to some standard there would have been less profanity, & a happier Q.M.

UNIT DINNER AT KIWI CLUB.

UNDER chairman Sam Burrows the Unit Dinner at the Kiwi Club on Tuesday night August 1st., was one of the most successful dinners held by Works Service Coy. AFTER formal toast to the King, "TPH" Buckley proposed the toast of the Unit in which he welcomed ex-Works personnel to the gathering. It was common knowledge, he said, that "Div. Engineers had done a good job in the forward area, and that Works personnel who had been transferred to the Div. Companies had upheld the reputation they had made in Works. To that was added the continued friendships which had been made from the early days. Major E. Blacker, OC of Works, suitably replied.

"HARD TOAST"

"Junior" Craill who was a member of the advance party is now a member of the rear party. "God knows what I am to do; I was a cook in the advance party. The Colonel, he didn't like hard toast, but he had to, 'cos I wasn't a cook, and every time I made the toast it was so God-damn-hard it would turn a pick: a bit hard on the Colonel, but there was a war on".

STEVE ARTHUR TO MARRY. FIRST TIME.

ON his return to N.Z. RAP Orderly, Steve Arthur will commence his furlough as a married man (first time). Mature Sappers hold that Steve, 22, should wait a few years before embarking in a partnership of so perilous a nature. Others contend that an early marriage is the only lasting basis on which subsequent marriages can be based; this point of view considered coloured by American influence.

TOMMY ATKINS

FUTURE UNCERTAIN.

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SOME doubts exist as to best course for Sapper Tommy Atkins to follow on his return to N.Z. It is felt that his very substantial bank account may attract undesirable type of female companions whom Tommy will be in no position to handle. He has been seen drinking at least one bottle of his beer issue of late which speaks for itself.

WILL NOT CORNER MARKET.

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IT can be authoritatively stated that Major Blacker has no intention of cornering "Red Eye" (To-mato Juice) market on his return to N.Z. He intends investigating Fish & Chip business on his furlough.