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--- EDITORIAL ---

There is a saying that a chain is as strong as its weakest link, and many times during this present conflict the truth of that saying has been borne out. The Defence system of the Pacific has been likened to a protecting chain. Looking at it from New Zealand, there is, around our country, a chain of defence, the links of which are made by the outposts of the Americans, the French, and ourselves. We may have the feeling that we are the least important link in that chain. The last link of a chain has no less strain put on it than the first. So much depends for the safety of our native country on the holding of New Caledonia. It is the last rampart of the South Pacific. If it should go, then our homes are no longer safe. Realising the importance of our work here, we should be inspired to throw our every effort into making New Zealand safe from this distance.

True, we may not see action for some time, but that is all the more reason why we should be more vigilant, why we should give ourselves more whole-heartedly to our jobs, be it uninteresting to gaze out to sea, or be it boring constantly manning our guns. Our greatest enemy is not action, but rather the lack of it. If we can only make ourselves realise that by doing our jobs here to the best of our ability we are keeping all that is near and dear to us safe, then will come the consoling conclusion that we are making New Caledonia, not merely a strong link, but the strongest link in the chain of defences of our homeland.

WEEKLY WHO'S ZOO:

HAMILTON, John Harry: Capt.

Born: July 1912, by George Wallace out of Anna Pavlova in a moment of Grand Guignol.

Churches: Taj Mahal (once a mosque, until he got amongst the Temple virgins - they changed their status, and so did he!)

Schools: Weraroa, with post-graduate course at Paparoa and short intensive training at Porirua to fit him for the NZ Armed Forces.

Clubs: C.T. Club, and Jubilee Institute.

Civilian Occupation: Fitting frillies on fannies of flirtatious flossies (wholesale).

Books: "The Finest Fannies Ever Fawned are Found in Finland", and "Turning Temple Tendrills To Torrid Tropic Trolls".

Horoscope: Horrible.

Military Career: Promising. (Seldom performing).

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-- MISS-FIRES , ETC, ETC --

Last Friday night's "Hookey" at RHQ gave that well known playboy of the Pacific, featured in earlier issue, a further opportunity of increasing the already substantial lead he holds over others in his pursuit of female company. Little thought does this modern Lothario give to those other maidens strewn like wreckage in his tempestuous path as he claims victim after victim in his search for the sweeter and more delicate things that life has to offer.

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BREAKDOWN IN RELATIONS WHISPERED!

Rumours were current last week that an early move by FCP personnel to a new camp site was imminent. No official statement has yet been issued but neutral observers regard it as a great diplomatic victory of FCP NCOs over the RHQ Ambassador Colclough. However Big Shot Marshall denied any deterioration in friendly relations saying "Shortage of men is reason for move

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