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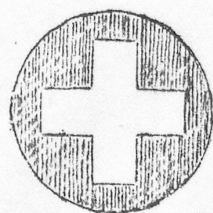
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The 1st. August - - our own day of Independence.

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No matter how many years we have been absent from the country of our birth, this day will take us back to our school days of long ago, when our teachers planted the seeds of patriotism into our hearts. Perhaps we were not too enthusiastic over our studies on Swiss history, but when singing our many patriotic songs we were all there, with heart and soul.

My memories take me back to the time when I took occasional pleasure trips over the glorious Lake of the Four Cantons, when, while passing the beautifully situated Ruetli, Swiss travellers invariably joined in the dear old song "Von Ferne sei herzlich gegrusset, Du stilles Gelände am See." Though away from home, the love of our dear little country never wanes. It is with feelings of just pride we relate to friends in this country some of the wonderful exploits of our forefathers, which have preserved, against great odds, the independence of our country.

On this day, our first of August, we can, in our imagination, listen to the joyful ringing of the Church bells in memory of the brave men who met that night on the Ruetli and decided to oppose the tyrannical oppressors and laid down the foundation of our ancient Republic.

Now far away from home we are scattered over the biggest part of New Zealand, but we think of our Homeland today, and extend to it our Greetings, Love and Best Wishes. May it remain free from the everlasting restless and warlike turmoil in Europe.

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## THE INSTALLATIONS ON THE JUNGFRAUJOCH.

The history of the creation of these installations on the Jungfrauoch goes back to the year 1894. It was then that, after a very bitter struggle in Parliament and in the daily papers, a concession was granted for the building of the Jungfrau railway. Work on this railway was begun in 1896.

No one seeing the Jungfrauoch station from the Aletsch Glacier would believe that the whole crown of the peak which is known as The Sphinx is completely hollowed out inside, like a mole-hill, with tunnels, passages and galleries. The extensive station buildings, with the rails, offices, power station and water reservoirs, etc. are all situated inside the mountain itself.