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CONTRIBUTIONS TO SWISS SOLDIERS FUND IN N.Z.

Through a clerical error we omitted to publish in the last "Helvetia" the names of some compatriots who generously contributed towards our soldiers' fund. Personal apologies were sent to these friends, and we have now much pleasure in publishing an additional list, adding at the same time further contributors who donated towards this good cause during August :-

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	Joe Langenberger,	Whakatane	2 Anonymous	
Mr. & Mrs. M. Muller,		Eltham		

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O B I T U A R Y :

It is with deepest regret we record the death of Mrs. Mary Steiner, the dearly beloved wife of Mr. J. Martin Steiner of Cardiff, Taranaki.

Blessed with a kindly disposition, she was always very popular with everyone with whom she came in contact.

Mrs. Steiner was born at Waipuku, and was the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Sattler, old pioneers of Central Taranaki. During the 33 years of married life, Mr. & Mrs. Steiner lived at Kaponga, Opunake and Cardiff. Seven sons, Martin (Manaia), Lewis (Kaponga), Joseph and Leonard (Matamata), Henry and Frank (Cardiff) and 2 daughters, Eileen (Cardiff) and Mrs. P. Dodunski (Mahoe), sadly mourn their loss. She is also survived by three sisters, Mesdames H. and P. Hancock and C. Coldwell, and two brothers, Messrs Jos. Sattler of Kaponga and John Sattler, Stratford.

The fact that 152 cars attended the funeral proves her great popularity, and the great love and respect she had earned herself from her many friends and acquaintances with her kindly nature.

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MEMBERSHIP: A further Swiss citizen has enrolled as a member of our Society :
Mr. E. Giacometti, P.O. Box 8, Okaiawa, Taranaki.

Anyone knowing the present address of : Elstin Birchler, late of Landan Rd., Feilding, please communicate with the Secretary, W. Ungemuth, Clarence Rd., Northcote, Auckland, N. 4.

With September 30th, 1940, we are at the end of our 5th year of existence. We respectfully invite our members to come in early with their subscriptions. With extra postage and printing, our expenses have been heavy of late. You can assist us by sending your subscriptions as early as possible. Overdue subscriptions should be settled without delay.

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ALPHORN BLOWING, YODELLING AND FLAG THROWING IN SWITZERLAND.

There are perhaps no customs more traditionally Swiss than Alphorn blowing, and what is locally called flag "swinging". These, together with yodelling, provide the characteristic atmosphere for every public festival. In the other traditional games, such as stone lifting and throwing, it is sheer strength that decides the victory; flag-throwing, however, depends upon practice and skill. The Swiss banner heads every parade of Alpine athletes, the sturdy standard-bearer marching proudly in front of the procession. As he marches he throws the red-and-white square of cloth on its short staff high into the air, cheering as he catches it in its fall. With it he describes intricate figures in the air, all the while taking care that there is never a crease or fold to hide the white cross in its centre. An Alpine festival is a quaint but impressive scene - the "swinger" in his richly ornamented traditional costume, the music to whose rhythm he attunes his movements, the picturesquely clad spectators standing around. Seemingly without effort, though in reality considerable strength and concentration are needed, the fluttering banner is made to describe vertical and horizontal circles; the thrower, using either one hand or both, passes it between his legs, up his back, round and round his body, tosses it aloft and catches it again, never once impeding its smooth, continuous movement or allowing it to touch the ground. Flag-throwing originated in the very heart of Switzerland, in the birth-place of the present Confederation, where it has always been practised by the Alpine peasants during the summer months. Perhaps at one time it was used as a method of signalling over long distances. At any rate, there is an old Swiss saying "Let us throw the flag over it now", a conciliatory offer meaning "Let us bury the hatchet".

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