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felt it added so much more to making my leave so pleasant as it was, in that I was able to converse with them in their own language. I could write pages of the warm hospitality shown to us everywhere by everyone. Once again I wish to thank you in arranging my leave from the other side. I feel without your assistance, we would have been deprived of spending one month of the most pleasant and memorable days of my life, a grand conclusion to my army career, in the most delightful spot in the whole world."

MR. ERNEST DICKENMANN IS LEAVING NEW ZEALAND BEGINNING DECEMBER.

Members will regret to learn that Mr. E. Dickenmann, who was attached to the Swiss Consulate in Wellington since the beginning of 1942, will leave New Zealand early in December to rejoin the firm in Bangkok, Siam, where he had a position prior to his coming to New Zealand.

He came to New Zealand late in 1941 for a few months holiday in a temperate climate. Soon after his arrival, war with Japan broke out, and he was, of course, unable to return to Bangkok. In view of the extension of the activities of the Swiss Consulate in Wellington, he was welcome as a member of its staff. He has made many friends here, among the Swiss community as well as among New Zealanders. He also took an active part in the running of the Swiss Benevolent Society, especially in the publishing of the monthly Bulletin "HELVETIA".

I am sure I express the sentiments of all the members of the Swiss Benevolent Society in wishing Mr. E. Dickenmann "Godspeed" on his journey to Siam and good luck in the future.

Dr. Water Schmid.

Dear Friends,

As you will see from the above notice which Dr. Schmid kindly inserted, I shall be leaving New Zealand shortly to take up my former position with the Swiss firm of Diethelm & Co. Ltd. in Bangkok, Siam.

When I came here, just four years ago for a short holiday, I never dreamed that I would be able to spend four full years in this pleasant country which reminded me in many ways of Switzerland. During my stay here I was able to see most of the South and North Islands, and wherever I met some of our compatriots I always received a hearty welcome and felt truly at home amongst them. I also made very many friends amongst New Zealanders and it is therefore with mixed feelings that I leave this country but very happy memories will go with me.

It is very unfortunate that I cannot fulfil the promise I gave to some fellow countrymen to visit them once more before leaving, but shipping accommodation has suddenly become available which makes this impossible.

I would like to thank all my friends most sincerely for their kindness to me during my stay in New Zealand. I wish every one of them the very best of luck, every success to the Swiss Benevolent Society, and I hope that one day I may have the opportunity to revisit New Zealand and renew all these friendships.

Very sincerely yours,

Ernst Dickenmann.