

ROYAL VISIT TO SERVICE CLUBS

TALKS WITH AMERICAN TROOPS

The King and Queen yesterday visited the American Red Cross Mostyn Club, in Portman Street, where they talked to enlisted men, Marines, United States Naval Ratings, and W.A.A.C.s.

One man presented to them drew the first number in the United States draft—Private (First Class) George A. O'Brien, of Cambridge, Mass., whose number 158 was drawn by the United States Secretary for War when the first drafted men were picked for the American Army. He told the King he had been in Britain 10 months.

Mr. John Winant, the American Ambassador, Admiral Stark, Commanding the United States Naval Forces, Major-General J. C. Lee, Deputy Commander in the European Theatre, and Mr. Harvey D. Gibson, the American Red Cross Commissioner, and Mrs. Gibson, received their Majesties, and an amateur band played the National Anthem and the Star Spangled Banner when the royal party went into the dance room.

The King and Queen also visited the New Zealand Forces Club in Charing Cross Road, where they were received by Mr. W. J. Jordan, the High Commissioner, and the Beaver Club in Spring Gardens, where they were received by Sir Edward Peacock and Mrs. Vincent Massey. Flight Sergeant Jack Marshall, from Tauranga, who lost both his legs when his aircraft crashed on the return from a raid on Wilhelmshaven, shook hands with the King and Queen at the New Zealand Club and told them he had been 18 months in hospital.

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The Queen shaking hands with Mrs. Sloane Colt, Deputy Commander U.S. Red Cross in Britain, who received their Majesties when they visited the Mostyn Club for American Servicemen in Portman-street, London.

SERGEANT'S SURPRISE

SERGEANT WILBUR BANIK, of Chicago, Ill., was sleeping yesterday at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club in Portman-street, London, when he was awakened by people coming into the room.

As the sergeant rubbed his eyes he was told that it was the King and Queen.

The King, in Field Marshal's uniform, laughed and said, "He will think it is a dream."

The Queen had a long talk at the club to half a dozen charwomen from Vauxhall and Battersea.

Their Majesties also visited the New Zealand Forces Club, Charing Cross-road, and the Beaver Club, Spring-gardens.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Chancellor Says 'Double' Taxes Will Be Repaid

By 'Daily Sketch' Parliamentary Correspondent

TEMPORARY civil servants and members of the armed forces, on leaving the Service, will receive a tax-free cash payment sufficient to counteract the double income-tax for which they were liable on entering the Service.

This announcement was made to the House of Commons yesterday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon.

In the past any double tax on Civil Service from the Government occupation tax on the income tax on the same income.

**Bishop's Wife
On 'Sin, Sweat,
And Sorrow'**

YOUNG recruits in the Church to-day were praised as "not wanting appeasement" by Mrs. Mildred Raynson, wife of the