

SANTA GETS DEMOBBED

It's quite a few years since Macey's Parade held up the Xmas traffic, but how glad the folks were to see with ~~that~~ that Father Christmas has finished his war service and is ^{qu}back, bringing peace on earth and lots of good cheer ~~on~~ ^{on} at least one side of the Atlantic.

Hollywood! Santa Claus Lane jammed by thousands of people as the stars look down. Sabu was in the van.

Jack Benny, with the faithful Rochester in attendance.

Red Skelton was in the role of Santa Claus. Xmas in Movieland went with a swing.

Berlin isn't anybody's idea of Yuletide nowadays but the British garrison had one pull over the folks at home - they had plenty of toys to buy. Naafi scoured the whole of Germany, buying up all they could, and then put them on sale at prices the Tommies could afford. When each man had made his choice Naafi did the packing and then posted them home in good time for the happy day.

ATS got to work on the Xmas Trees in preparation for the ~~Xmas~~ Festivities of the army of occupation, Short of being home for the holiday the Tommies in Berlin were guaranteed the best of good times.

Against the grim background of their devastated city Berliners themselves bought what they could from the street stalls. There isn't much left of the shopping centres. ~~Now is the time to bear in mind that these people lived on the fat of all Europe for five years.~~

7 pl limit on 4 fat - Europe 4 fine rps

If they've got to go short for a year or two, who's going to shed tears.

The most extraordinary Xmas dinner of all was eaten under water. The front door was wide open and all they had to do was drop in. It was that sort of dive. The head of this submarine family had to ring for the last arrival, but she heard him and in no time they were all there. What a good job it wasn't raining! Judging by father, under water meals are quite nourishing. Everybody's appetite had a keen edge. So, in a few seconds, had the carving knife. However, as they were all so hungry the carver dispensed with surface manners. You can't stay under water all day; you must save time.

Next came the fruit. Apparently there's no end to the good things you can get in the wet market. Coffee now! The only things ^{were} missing ~~was~~ drink. With so much water about they wouldn't have been worth while.

The end of a good dinner - proving that if truth isn't stranger than fiction, the camera is, anyway.

Australia House came along with a story that won't strain anyone's ~~immense~~ credulity, though it was almost too ~~immense~~ good to be true. 68,000 toys were sent to London by the generous folks of the State of Victoria - a wonderful

present for children of the blitzed areas. Our cousins Down Under know that there are millions of kiddies here who've never seen anything worth calling a toy. They made up their mind to make Xmas something to remember in the East End. The children of the Blitz ^{of Shroton Vale & other boroughs} were invited by the local Mayors to go to the town halls ~~and receive their presents.~~

Australia's kindly action will be remembered for a lifetime by the little people whose Xmas they helped to make really merry.

2 receipts for presents

SUBJECT FIVE: An old custom is revived in N.Y., a custom which had been discontinued during the war. Now this peacetime version of themammoth parade that ushers in the holiday season is bigger and better than ever. Hold your hand out for a turn ther fellow. Over a millien spectators lining the parade route are rewarded by a look at these collosal rubber ballens. open 10ft) But the galloping reindeer really bring hope to every juvenile heart. And here is old St. Nick himself. pause Hollywood.. our magic car-pet whisks us to Santa Claus Lane in Hollywood, where a colourful pageant brings out a lot of old friends including Sabu. Hot on his heels are R chester and Jack Benny swinging Love in Bloom on that famous violin, followed by Bergen and MacCarthy. open Abbot & Costello 4ft) Un versals team of funny men, Abbott and Costello, put on a typically riotous performance. open 5ft) Take off these whiskers, Rod, we know you. Anyway, if the reality is anything like

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