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some extent differences in standard of living, is comparable to American rates of pay for similar service. Probably the comparison with the United States could be dealt with if any existing differentials between Canadian and American rates should not be made worse for those serving in the Pacific. Consideration should be given to war grants and gratuities being payable in part to men needing this money to set up their families on the way through Canada to the Pacific.

If most of these points could be cleared up, any difficulty would be very greatly reduced. Men would know the factors on which they should decide whether or not to enlist. My own son is in this quandary today. He is just finishing advanced infantry training, and disappointed at not seeing service. He has done half a year's work at the university. Naturally he should get back as soon as he can. If he felt that there were enough Canadians who really wanted to go to the Pacific for one reason or another, then I don't think he would feel that he should volunteer. If, on the other hand, he feels that he is needed, then he certainly would be willing to go.

## 2. Demobilization.

The government's plan has been announced and, in so far as it has been understood, seems to have been well received. It has been followed, however, by a Canadian Press cable appearing today with the sub-heading "All Canadians Home Christmas", for which I have never heard the slightest authority.

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