

Jewish Message

To Soldiers of the Jewish Faith,

—I greet you with the time-honoured salutation of our race, "Shalom Alechem"—Peace be to you. You went forth at the call of our King and Country to fight the cause of Righteousness, and to withstand the encroachments of an aggressive enemy.

Many of you enlisted before conscription, and others even were not of an age to be admitted into the firing line.

Some of your comrades, like true descendants of the noble Maccabeans, whose motto was "Let us not stain our honour," fell on the field of honour, gaining distinction, "And their glory shall not be blotted out."

Now that you have returned home, I can bespeak for you a hearty welcome. In every city in Canada where there is a Jewish Community your co-religionists will vie with each other in helping to cheer, advise, and encourage those who have been invalided, fighting in the Cause of the Allies, and for the glory and honour of England, and her Empire.

And you who have been spared to return in unimpaired health and strength, and are about to take up your former vocations, remember that a two-fold heritage is yours:—The Faith of Israel and the great privilege of British Citizenship.

May you prove yourselves worthy of both, by contributing your best to that Righteousness which exalteth a nation, acting in the spirit of the words of a noble soldier of our race: "*Loyalty, to the flag for which the sun once stood still, can only deepen our devotion to the flag on which the sun never sets.*"

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