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- (a) the number of men involved was relatively small;
- (b) few of them had been away from home for very long;
- (c) they were in places where local entertainment of various kinds could be had, instead of being as in this case exposed to the shocking horrors of devastated and totured Europe;
- (d) the war was very much less exacting;
- (e) practically all the men were home within less than six months of the armistice.

Even at that, serious trouble was only avoided by the extensive use of educational opportunities, travel facilities, sports, entertainment and the like.

Taken altogether, it is obvious that there are striking differences in the nature and magnitude of the problem then and now.

This whole subject has been facing senior officers in the three armed forces for five years. Extensive studies have been made, reports received, plans prepared. Something is being done. The Halifax riots confirm the impression that however much is being done, it is not nearly enough. Whatever plans there are are not being pressed forward with whole-hearted vigour by staffs who are completely free from attitudes which were quite proper a few months ago, but which are totally wrong in approaching the job of returning three-quarters of a million men and women to civil life. (as seen etc.)