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SWISS BROADCAST JANUARY 1st. 1941.

The reception of the New Year's broadcast from Switzerland was generally very poor, due to static. Below is a summary of the program:

- Up to 6.12 Swiss broadcast hardly audible.
6.22 Reception seems to improve, but static is very strong.
6.25-30 Nothing but static.
6.31 Italian report from Switzerland almost comprehensible.
6.35-6.50 Christmas Celebration of a territorial battalion in some church. Speech in Swiss dialect incomprehensible, but the ringing of the bells not so bad.
6.43 Church Hymn "O Du froehliche, o Du selige", rather good.
6.45 Only a few words of the sermon of the parson could be picked up.
6.48 Church Hymn "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht", reception not so bad.
6.55 French speech of General Guisan incomprehensible, with the exception of some words here and there.
7.03 Same for the Italian spoken speech of the General.
7.05 German speech of General Guisan, worse.
7.12 Swiss Anthem "Rufst Du, mein Vaterland", and the following announcements in all three languages until 7.19 bad.
7.18 -7.28 Ringing of church bells of different Swiss localities, very enjoyable, but announcements incomprehensible.
7.28-7.30 Spoken correspondence incomprehensible; the same at 7.32.
7.33 Once more church bells of Wahleren, very enjoyable.
7.34 Concluding remarks in Italian unexpectedly good.
7.35 Final announcement in Swiss dialect unexpectedly comprehensible, and the singing of the final song "Trittst im Morgenrot daher" came through very good and clear.

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NEW MEMBERS.

Two further members have been enrolled during the past month:-

Mrs. Hedwig Weiss, Chilton St. James School, Waterloo Rd., Lower Hutt.
Mr. C. Nadig, St. Joseph's Home, Ponsonby, Auckland.

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