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COMFORTS FOR COLOURED TROOPS AND COLONIAL WAR WORKERS

LORD TRENCHARD'S APPEAL

"This Week's Good Cause" appeal on Sunday night (August 16) will be for the Colonial Comforts Fund which was started last year for the welfare of coloured people from the Colonies - from the Continent of Africa and from the Islands of the West Indies - who have volunteered for war work in this country and who are with the armed forces overseas. Their's is a special need, coming as they have to strange surroundings and to a climate often dangerous to their health.

The broadcast is to be made by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Trenchard, who is President of the Council of the Fund.

There are now in various parts of this country thousands of people from our African and West Indian Dependencies who have volunteered to serve as soldiers, sailors, airmen, firemen, civil defence workers, stevedores, foresters, munition workers and merchant seamen.

For the majority of them their first experience of winter with its accompanying snow and ice was after they had arrived in England and Scotland to take up their voluntary war work. The Colonial Comforts Fund, whose address is Halton House, 20/23 Holborn, London, E.C.1. supplements the funds of various organisations who look after the welfare of these men and also supplements local funds raised in East and West Africa for the welfare of Colonial troops.

This is the second time Lord Trenchard has broadcast an appeal, the first time being in January 1941 when he raised £50,000 for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund.

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