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Dear Service Folk from Desford,

Our Christmas News Letter having been received so enthusiastically, we feel that you would all welcome a further letter giving some of the latest village news. We thank you and deeply appreciate the responsive letters we have received from you, and we should be very happy indeed to hear from you in the future giving any little items of interest relating to your various activities.

We should like to mention that we have had a request for details of all the boys and girls from the village who are serving in the Forces, but owing to the limited space at our disposal we regret it is not possible to enumerate these individually, but if you have any special messages for your friends in the Forces with whom you may temporarily have lost touch, then perhaps through the medium of our News Letters we may be able to bring you closer together.

Our recent "Wings for Victory" Week with a target of £10,000 and the magnificent result of £14,150.10. 6 surpassed all expectations. The Week's attractions were many and varied. A very popular item was a display of Maypole Dancing by the Desford Brownies. The programme also provided a Sports Day for the "olduns" as well as the "younguns" which was greatly enjoyed by everybody. There were also Football Matches, Whist Drive and a Dance, culminating in a happy and memorable week.

DARTS NEWS. The Bull's Head Competitions are at present being played very seriously. The Singles Cup - which is in aid of the Bull's Head Troop Fund - is nearing the finish. Last year's winner was Mr. Scattergood of Thornton, and we are sorry to say he met with a serious accident to his arm and cannot take part this year. The Pairs Competition is in aid of the Leicester Royal Infirmary. This was won last year by the White Horse pair, who have not competed this year.

The semi-finals of the Singles Cup still to be played are as follows:

Steve Claypole v. Joe Plant or Den Smith
J. Parker v. C. Sheppard

There were 52 entries, and 26 pairs which have reached as far as the second round.

AWARDED D.S.M. We are proud to record the award of the D.S.M. to Petty Officer George King of Main Street. George was recently home on leave together with his brother and two sisters who are all serving in the Forces, and the family had a happy re-union.

LOCAL MINERS. Leicestershire miners have again earned a bonus for high output.

CRICKET. Chiefly due to the miners working at full pressure there will be no cricket this season, but we look forward to some time