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VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND BY MR. FAIRBAIRN, DFC, MP

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Menzies

The Minister for National Development, the Hon. D.E. Fairbairn, DFC, MP, will participate in the Anzac Day commemoration in Wellington, New Zealand, at the invitation of the New Zealand Government.

The ceremonies will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.

Mr. Fairbairn, who was elected to the Parliament in 1949 and joined the Ministry in 1962, served as a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force during the Second World War. He saw active service in both the European and Pacific theatres of war and in 1944 was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his part in air operations over Europe.

Mr. Fairbairn will leave for New Zealand on April 21. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Fairbairn.

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CANBERRA,

7th April, 1965.