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The hope that Jewish recruiting campaign for The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) would be complete within a fortnight was expressed by Mr. M. Shertok, head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency, at a press conference in Jerusalem on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Shertok disclosed that about 4,000 Jews in Palestine had enlisted with the British forces since the outbreak of war. Of these, 2,400 had volunteered since July, 1940, almost half of them for the ground services of the R.A.F. So far as he knew, the military authorities were very satisfied with the quality of the Jewish recruits.

A new stage in Jewish participation in the war had begun with the formation of infantry units intended for the defence of the country, he declared in answer to a question.

The Jewish recruits in the different camps were in excellent mood and enjoyed the same general conditions as the British soldiers, and the same uniforms and food, said Mr. Shertok. An organization had been set up to look after their comfort, and books are to be sent to them shortly.

Answering another question, Mr. Shertok said that a joint delegation of the Jewish Agency and Palestine Manufacturers Association had recently visited military supply authorities in Egypt to discuss the wider utilization of the country's productive capacities, and some progress was made in this connection.

The Government, he said, had undertaken to negotiate the return of Palestinian women interned in Germany through the Ambassador of the U.S.A. in Berlin, but this was bound to take a long time. An additional difficulty was that the Palestine Government was refusing to recognize certain women as Palestinians, although their husbands held Palestinian citizenship.