Maurice's ball peen nose
Maurice stood there stolid as a crate.

"rubbed his 00 nose while he thought."
Maurice reserved

...maintained his reserve.
Maurice:

"That's the other lot, Land of Oz."

"Christchurch."

Ben grinned. "Erewhôn.

"Nowhere spelled backwards, if you're not much of a speller. Writer, are you?"
paddlefooted walk
six feet of red ground
foreign
"What's this?" (ie, What do you mean?)
friggles—neologism I saw in NYT, someone rural talking abt "frills and friggles".

—cd use in convsn of someone describing the Swiss chalet Ft. Peck theater.
dusty blue uniform of the RAF (correct?)
p. of New Zealand slang in Lingo notebook
"Truer words were never."
tarry
you needn't...