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**A**FTER long and honourable service to "SLIPSTREAM", Sub Lieutenant Sheridan has left us for the brick buildings and bright lights of H.M.A.S. Penguin. He has been associated with the magazine since the first issue, originally as Sub Editor and, latterly, as Sports Editor. In his Sporting Notes, he has shown expert knowledge and a lucid, fast-moving style which have made his column a pleasure to read; furthermore, he has always had it out on time. As a member of the Editorial staff, his suggestions and advice have been invaluable and they will be sadly missed.

We wish him every success in his new appointment and hope that if he does launch a new magazine there (Penstream? Slipknot?), it does not take too much trade away from this one.

We welcome Lieutenant Commander Hanna to the illustrious chair of Sports Editor.

— EDITOR.

### COVER ILLUSTRATION —

**T**HE illustration on the cover is from a painting of H.M.S. VICTORY. Launched in 1765, H.M.S. VICTORY is 226 feet long and displaces 2,162 tons. Her armament was 44 12-pounders, 30 24-pounders and 30 32-pounders—104 guns in all. She paid off in 1812 and lay at anchor in Portsmouth for over 100 years. In 1921, she was placed in dry dock in Portsmouth Dockyard, where she can be seen today.

## FLEET AIR ARM TYPES OF THE PAST

### No. 7 — The Blackburn Skua



Planned in 1936, the Skua was the first monoplane fighter designed to use the new arrestor gear then being fitted in British carriers. A series of production and design setbacks prevented it appearing in the Fleet until 1939 when the first squadron formed and joined the Ark Royal.

A two seater fighter/dive bomber with wing folding, it had four .303 fixed machine guns and could carry a 250 lb. or 500 lb. bomb. Its maximum speed was 195 knots with an endurance of two hours, but it could stay airborne for six hours at economical speed. It could climb to 10,000 feet in 12 minutes.

During the Norwegian campaign, Skuas from Ark Royal operated in support of the ground forces daily between 24th and 28th April, 1940, for the loss of one Skua shot down.

On 10th April, 1940, 15 Skuas attacked and sank the German cruiser Koenigsberg alongside the mole at Bergen, 560 miles from their base at Hatston in the Orkney Islands. Armed with one 500 lb bomb each, the aircraft made 60 degree dives releasing at 2,000 feet.

On 13th June, Skuas from the Ark Royal attacked the Scharnhorst and two enemy cruisers at anchor in Trondheim and claimed two hits, but lost eight Skuas to the ship's combined A. A. fire.

In aerial combat, during their fifteen months of service when 33 Skuas were operating, 152 combats were reported with German, Italian and Vichy French aircraft resulting in 20 enemy aircraft destroyed and 25 damaged for a loss of four Skuas shot down and five damaged.

By April, 1941, 26 Skuas were in Squadron service, but six months later they had been replaced by the Fulmar, Sea Hurricane and the American Naval fighter, the Wildcat.

### SHIPS OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY—

NEXT MONTH, we begin a new series describing the exploits of individual H.M.S. Ships, beginning with those lost during the 1939-45 War. No. 1 — H.M.A.S. Perth.

## Station Personality

### No. 18

E.M. WIESLAW WLODARCZYK



WIESLAW WLODARCZYK (pronounced Vee-es-wuv V-wod-ar-chik.) was born in the village of Maniewicze in Poland in June, 1937.

The village of Maniewicze was, at that time in Polish territory but at the end of World War 2 the partition of Poland placed Maniewicze in Russia, where it remains. When Hitler's hordes swept into Poland the Wlodarczyks moved to a small town in Hungary situated on Lake Balaton, where Mr. Wlodarczyk joined the Free Polish Army. At this time our Personality was 2 years of age.

The family, which consisted of two girls and Wieslaw, was left 'fatherless' when Mr. Wlodarczyk went with the Free Polish Army to the Middle East where he was wounded and to 'disappear' for 2 years.

When the Germans over-ran Hungary all Polish citizens and people of Jewish blood were taken to Germany where the greater percentage of them were exterminated. Wieslaw recalls being herded into a cattle truck with 90 other Polish citizens and, without any idea of what fate had in store for them, they were transported to Germany; however the Wlodarczyk family was destined not to be exterminated but was to spend the remaining years of the war in a variety of Prison Camps among which was the notorious Buchenwald.

It was in Buchenwald that our Personality found himself when the war ended; however, a bitter note was yet to be sounded before the years of misery were over. The Americans were not aware that the German Guards had deserted the camp and Fighters and Heavy Bombers strafed the precincts of the camp killing many roaming prisoners; the Wlodarczyks however escaped injury.

Our Personality attributes his family's survival during these terrible years to the fortitude of his mother who borrowed, begged, and went without herself so that the children might eat.

The family was united again when it was learnt that Mr. Wlodarczyk was with the Polish Army in Italy as a Lieutenant Instructor. Shortly afterwards the family settled in Italy but after a year they went to England where they lived for 4 years, the greater part of which time was spent in Cornwall.

In October, 1950, the Wlodarczyks migrated to Australia and settled in Toowoomba, where Mr. Wlodarczyk is a Builder. Our Personality, for the first time in his life was able to settle in at school and he attended the Christian Brothers College for 3 years where he passed the Intermediate, and from there he went on to the Toowoomba High School where he Matriculated.

In May, 1957, our Personality joined the Service as an E.M. and after his initial training was completed he joined us here at Albatross, where, to avoid dislocated jaws, his messmates call him "Woody".

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## THE GLORIOUS VICTORY

153 years ago, on 21st October, 1805, one of history's most momentous battles was fought off Cape Trafalgar. The fact that the anniversary of this battle has been celebrated for over a century and a half is not due only to the personal magnetism of Admiral Nelson, nor to the brilliance of the victory, but also because of the far reaching effects it had on events at the time and upon world history.

In 1804, Napoleon was virtually master of Europe. Only England stood in his way and he decided to invade the stubborn island with a vast army, which was to be transported across the Channel in flat bottomed boats. Command of the sea was essential, however, before such an invasion could take place and by blockading the French Fleet in its bases in the Atlantic and in Toulon, in the Mediterranean, the "unseen, storm-beaten ships" of the Royal Navy stood between Napoleon and world domination.

Nelson was Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet and for 14 months his ships lay off Toulon, preventing the French from raiding the Eastern Mediterranean or from sailing into the Atlantic and joining the French ships in the Atlantic ports. Nelson was forced to withdraw to Sardinia from time to time for supplies and it was during one of these replenishment periods in April, 1805, that the French fleet escaped.

The French Admiral, Villeneuve, led his ships through the Straits of Gibraltar, collected an allied Spanish squadron off Cadiz and sailed for the West Indies. As soon as he discovered their destination, Nelson gave chase only to learn on arrival that the French had left for Europe five days previously. The British Fleet beat wearily back to the Mediterranean, arriving at Gibraltar on 18th July, but there was no sign of the enemy; Villeneuve had gone north.

Leaving the Fleet near Cadiz, Nelson sailed for England, having spent two years without setting foot ashore. After a few weeks in England, Nelson sailed again for the Mediterranean, having learnt that the combined French and Spanish Fleet was in Cadiz. On 19th October, the enemy sailed and at day-break on 21st they were sighted by the British Fleet.

Standard tactics in those days were to form line of battle and sail parallel to the enemy fleet. Nelson's plan was to form his fleet into two divisions and sail into the enemy line at right angles, cutting it in two places. Nelson led the port column in his flagship, H.M.S. Victory, while Collingwood commanded the starboard column in the Royal Sovereign.

Villeneuve saw that flight was impossible and hove his fleet to in a sagging line of thirty three ships of the line to await the onslaught of the twenty seven British ships.

"They have put a good face on it, but I will give them such a dressing as they never had before," remarked Nelson and shortly afterwards made the famous signal, "England expects every man will do his duty."

The wind was light and it was some time before the two fleets were within range of one another. While final preparations for action were being made, Nelson visited the gun decks where he was cheered to the echo by the sweating crew, amongst whom were representatives of practically every nation in Europe, including France and Spain.

At noon the French Flagship, Bucentaure, opened fire on H.M.S.

Victory at a range of 1½ miles, but Victory held her fire until she was only thirty feet away when a tremendous broadside from her guns, which had been double—and treble—shotted, crashed into the stern of the Bucentaure, killing over 400 men.

Once battle was engaged, the Admiral gave no further orders, his only instructions having been that his captains should each single out an enemy vessel and sink or capture her. By 1300, every British ship was fiercely engaged. Victory was between the Bucentaure and Redoutable and having no room to manoeuvre, Hardy, the Flag Captain, steered straight for the Redoutable, ramming her midships. Victory rebounded with the force of the impact, but the yards of the two ships were entangled and they remained locked together. The tops of the French ships swarmed with snipers, who directed a withering fire upon the Victory's decks, and at 1330 a bullet from the Redoutable struck the conspicuous figure of Nelson as he paced the quarterdeck with Captain Hardy.

Nelson was carried below to the cockpit, an ill-lit place full of dying and wounded. He was examined by the surgeon, but it was found that his backbone had been broken by the bullet and nothing could be done for him. At 1500, with 15 of the enemy ships captured or destroyed, the battle was virtually over. This was reported to Nelson, who asked if any British ships had surrendered. He was assured that none had and at 1630, whispering, "Thank God I have done my duty," he died.

In all, eighteen French and Spanish ships were taken or sunk at Trafalgar, four were captured later and two more were wrecked. No British ships were lost and British casualties numbered only 449 killed. Victory was complete, but, when the news reached England, sorrow at the death of Nelson outweighed rejoicing at the victory.

The long war against Napoleon dragged on for another ten years, but the Naval power of France was shattered, and, although Napoleon won some great land battles, between 1805 and his final defeat at Waterloo in 1815, he could never consolidate his power while Britain mastered the sea. Trafalgar was in fact the turning point in the Napoleonic War, in the same way that Alamein and Stalinrad were turning points in World War II.

Seen in the light of subsequent history, Trafalgar was the final demonstration that no nation can achieve ultimate victory in war without command of the seas—a principle which holds good even in this age of nuclear weapons.

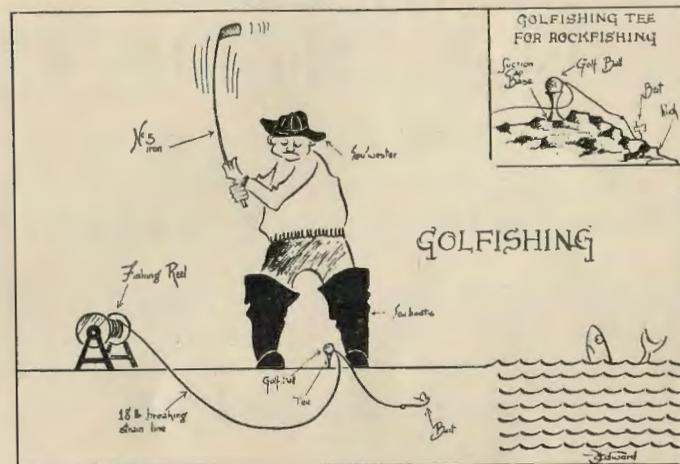
## THE IMPORTANCE OF SHIPPING IN AUST.

The annual volume of Australian imports and exports is 25 million tons and her inter-state movement of cargo by coastal shipping is 13 million tons. The average number of ships entering Port Phillip each year is 3,000 and Sydney 4,400.

Without this shipping movement, Australia's economic life would be strangled.

# GOLFISHING

BY THE DUKE OF SYDNEY



To be a successful Golfisherman, all you need is a beach casting reel mounted on a tripod, a golf ball with a swivel screwed into it, line and hooks, a bag of golf clubs and a capacity for ignoring the insults of the onlookers.

Set up the tripod complete with reel on the sand, tie the golf ball about three feet from the hook, tee up and hit off. The ball acts as a sinker. No. 5 iron is recommended, rough weather No. 7, flat calm No. 3 wood.

The advantage of golfishing is that the ball can be placed where the fish are biting. If you see anyone landing fish from a boat, you place your ball alongside it. This may not win you friends, but it will catch fish. Furthermore it improves your swing.

These are only two small problems which you have to overcome:—

- (a) Hitting the Ball.
- (b) Selecting the right beach.

Regarding (b), I once tried golfishing at Bondi. I set up my tripod, baited up and hit off with about two dozen onlookers. After about fifteen minutes golfishing, the galley numbered well over two thousand. Then it happened. I missed the ball. The mob cheered, the police arrived, hotly pursued by beach inspectors, lifesavers and the ambulance. The crowd was out of hand, but not me—oh no.

As I was escorted from the beach, I reflected on the great future which awaited the sport. Grade competitions on local beaches, National contests at Surfer's Paradise culminating with the World Professional Championship at Bondi. Golfishing is tomorrow's Number One sport. Start this week-end.

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**AROUND THE STATION**



★ **CAPTAIN SMITH** receives the Dempster Cup from Captain Oldham of H.M.A.S. Watson, after Albatross had defeated Watson 11-8 in the Grand Final of the Rugby Union competition.

Again we have to bid tearful au revoir to the M.A.G. who are out to prove that Waikiki has nothing on Melbourne at Cup time. The news of their impending arrival has started a mild panic among local bookmakers and the police have been re-inforced. Otherwise Melbourne is outwardly calm.

The Guard and Band travelled to Canberra early in the month to parade on the occasion of the new Israeli Minister presenting his credentials to the Governor General. The Guard, which included a number of Recruits, performed most creditably and the band mastered the intricacies of the Israeli National anthem without mishap. A highly appreciative message was received from H.E. the Governor General shortly afterwards.

For many years, knives, forks, and spoons have been referred to as "fighting gear", but we never realised how lethal they were until we saw the note in Daily Orders ordering that they be carried on the Musketry Course.

It is understood that the Manager of the White Ensign Club has rejected an entry for the Blazer Pocket competition which consisted of a poker machine rampant supported by four bankrupt sailors.

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We had to win the Dempster Cup. If Watson had run off with the Trophy, we would have had to throw out the cake baked especially for the occasion. A fine calculated risk by our optimistic Supply Officer.

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Station Personality No. 16, who had over 50 professional fights without receiving a mark on his features can currently be seen wearing a battered proboscis as a result of a well directed bread board thrown by his spouse.

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A report that the Owen Gun Bandits were thought to be in the Nowra District sent the S.O. Cash scurrying to the Armoury for more artillery. The convoy which collected the green folding stuff was reminiscent of Rommel's Afrika Corps.

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Opportunity only knocks once, but Brian Smith's "comeback" has been so brilliant that he was offered the choice of a State title bout with Frankie Bennett here at Albatross, or at trip to Perth for three quick fights with a guarantee and expenses both ways. He has chosen to go West and we wish him success. The title will keep.

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Even our Senior Officers get their dates mixed. The Commander was seen to bustle into the White Ensign Club on Monday evening to join in the Club's birthday celebrations, only to find that he was exactly 24 hours early.

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ALBATROCITY OF THE MONTH—Naval Airman \_\_\_\_\_, Boatswain's Mate, who, on a fine October morning and with due ceremony, hoisted the JACK on the mainmast at Colours.

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At last the Service has bowed to reality and made Green Coats a Pusser's issue. Anyone who doubts this statement is advised to take a look at the new P.V.C. life jackets tested by the Safety Equipment Section.

## R.A.N. GLIDING ASSOCIATION

There has been considerable activity in the Gliding Club during the past four months. Ten embryo pilots have undergone instruction, of whom three, P.O. Watson, N.A. Mihell and N.A. Burke have achieved solo standard and have gained "A" and "B" Certificates. Week-end flying has been curtailed by the gusty westerlies, but on full flying days, an average of fifty one flights has been obtained. The Auster, piloted by Lieutenant Bell, has been of great assistance on Saturday forenoons.

The Nymph, Lieutenant Peter Arnold up, put on a spectacular display at Families' Day with a few loops and graduating to a spin and a barrel roll.

The Club is arranging to enter two teams, each consisting of one glider and five pilots in the National Gliding Championships at Benalla, Victoria. The ten pilots selected are training hard since it is clear that a high standard of airmanship will be required.

The R.A.N.G.A. is fortunate in having two excellent machines to enter in the Championships and by that time, both gliders and pilots should be on top line.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Figures quoted in discussion, lecture or argument are impressive. Should someone come out with: "Statistics have shown that 87.74 per cent of Naval Airmen are right-handed," most of us would go quietly. For those with no head for figures, there is, however, a quite adequate substitute, one which carries almost the same weight and is much more difficult to disprove. I draw your attention to GENERAL STATISTICS. This is the art of quoting 'figures' without the use of numerals but utilising those handy words and phrases such as 'majority', 'it is well known', 'reports indicate', 'figures prove', etc. In all cases one implies that one knows the exact figure to point out the current uses of 'G.S.', indicate further possibilities and, while perhaps not going as far as to bring on a rash of 'G.S.' Clubs or Institutes, at least to stimulate interest in the fascinating subject.

I have allotted 'G.S.' Statements a "FORCE RATING" of 1 to 5, in much the same manner as wind velocities. To illustrate: When the C.P.O. Cook is asked by his Captain, "Is this a popular meal?" A simple reply of "Yes sir, the majority of ratings are fond of it," is graded as FORCE 1, but "It would surprise you just how many do like it, sir" would be FORCE 2. "It's not a case of how many like it sir, but how to keep it up to them" would be a good FORCE 3 reply from one of the old school. FORCE 4 should be used with great caution and in this case, would be on the lines of "Sir, I defy you to produce a rating who will say he does not like this food." There are very few Captains who do not resent FORCE 4 arguments. The element of actual physical danger must be present for a 'G.S.' statement to qualify as FORCE 5 and so it is almost invariably confined to Operational areas. The only exception which could conceivably apply would be if the C.P.O. Cook should state, "There will be so little left of this meal of tripe and onions, sir, that I will eat any returns myself, in front of you."

In addition to FORCE RATING, 'G.S.' Statements may be classified according to the "APPROACH" as indicated against the following snippets from the M.T. Compound:—"It has been proved t'me and time again that Bunnerong cannot . . ." (repetitive assertive approach). "We all know that mileage to expect . . ." (collective - cajoling approach). "You would be surprised if I told you the number of retreads . . ." (exclusive reticent approach). The Hippocratic oath does not forbid 'G.S.' and we may hear—"And remember that this port has the highest rate of . . ." (reflective - prophylactic approach). Then at 'Defaulters' we could have "I am fed up with the number of cases of . . ." (replete approach) and at the Police Office, "Far be it for me to say how many times this has happened but . . ." (post-reticent - informative approach). The Hyperbolic approach is fairly uncommon but you might hear at Rounds "a million to one chance, sir" (a check after the Captain has departed reveals 3 cases within the last 4 weeks).

The various messes and canteens provide excellent forums for G.S., but I have noticed that for some reason there is an almost universal reluctance to use Force 1 and Force 2 arguments and Force 4 becomes quite commonplace. I cannot but deprecate this tendency and would warn that the higher the Force Rating used the greater the loss of face should one be disproved and, indeed, the loss of face could be physical should one use a 'Force 5 belligerent approach' statement such as "I can fight any two men in the bar."

Finally a word on delivery. Take "It's my guess that the figures of 600 victualled is a little out." This is a good example of Force 1 (subtle-conjectural approach) but with the right emphasis on 'guess' and 'little',

you will convince your adversary that you know 600 is wrong and that it is more than a little out. A grounding in amateur theatricals or poker schools is a big help here.

I look forward to G.S. taking a greater part in activities from mess deck arguments on racing form to meetings of Heads of Departments and, who knows, even the Admiral's report. Perhaps next time you "off caps", a 'Force Four Pre-Punitive Denial' might save the day for you.

— R. A.S.

## OH, MY ACHING BACK!

(By C. J. MORRIS)

Every evening during the dogs, a gallant band of weight training devotees gathers in the Cinema cum Gymnasium in an effort to achieve fitness. Every evening the Cinema rigging party pass the same old remarks such as "muscle bound morons," "I prefer a long wait," or "I'd rather press a pair of trousers". To most people weight training is an enigma and it is generally thought that such training leaves a wake of bound muscles, hernias, and general damage to muscle tissue.

The truth is that weight training correctly applied does nothing but good. The opinions of all great coaches of the last decade be they athletic, football, or swimming, is that the more weight training done, the more efficient in the event does the competitor become. The principle underlying weight training is, that the muscles are given in a short time an amount of work to do similar in nature to, but far more intensive than, the event for which the athlete is engaged.

An extract from such a training programme for a Rugby forward is given. Firstly the forward uses his legs and back in scrum work and most of his energy is absorbed in this fashion, so the major exercise would be for the upper thigh muscles. For this the squat is used. Here the weight is placed on the shoulders and a deep knee bend position assumed. A normal standing position is regained by rapid movement of the legs driving forwards. This exercise is repeated five times. The weight increased and a further repetition of four, three, two and then one is carried out. For a normal forward, weight used here would be, for the first five, say, 150 pounds and at the last single rep., he would attempt to squat, say, 230 pounds. There are, needless to say, some thirty exercises covering all muscular actions.

One sometimes hears of some bodily hurt occurring during weight training, but these occur only when the participant is lifting off balance, not having warmed up correctly or making the biggest mistake of all of overestimating his own strength and lifting far too much. Under guidance these faults do not happen.

Lastly one more point. What enjoyment is gained from weight training. The answer is simply none. This occupation is not for the weak willed. It is soul-destroying, painful and, like knocking your head against a brick wall, it's so nice to stop, but, and a big but, it is the best way to physical fitness, and if reasonably fit already it is the best way in the world to improve your performance at whatever sport you excel.

If you are interested, why not give it a whirl? The men who train are only too willing to teach. There's Jim Hawkins, Keith Hope, our friend mit der beard, George Egorov, and yours truly. To the Footie coaches we say, drive them into the gym. We'll get 'em fit.

## Appropos H.M.A.S. Albatross Family Day

# What Is a Boy ?

Between the innocence of babyhood and the dignity of manhood, we find a delightful creature called a boy. Boys come in assorted sizes, weights and colours, but all boys have the same creed: To enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day and to protest with noise (their only weapon) when their last minute is finished and the adults pack them off to bed at night.

Boys are found everywhere — on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older sisters and brothers tolerate them, adults ignore them, and Heaven protects them. A boy is Truth with dirt on his face, Beauty with a cut on its finger, Wisdom with bubble gum in its hair, and the Hope of the future with a frog in its pocket.

When you are busy, a boy is an inconsiderate, bothersome, intruding jangle of noise. When you want him to make a good impression, his brains turn to jelly or else he becomes a savage, sadistic jungle creature bent on destroying the world and himself with it.

A boy is a composite — he has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket sized atomic bomb, the curiosity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyan, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a steel trap, the enthusiasm of a fire cracker, and when he makes something he has five thumbs on each hand.

He likes ice cream, knives, saws, Christmas, comic books, the boy across the street, wood (in its natural habitat), large animals, Dad, trains, Saturday mornings, and fire engines. He is not much for Sunday School, company, schools, books without pictures, neckties, barbers, girls, overcoats, adults or bedtime.

Nobody is so early to rise, so late to supper. Nobody else gets so much fun out of trees, dogs, and breezes. Nobody else can cram into one pocket, a rusty knife, a half eaten apple, 3 feet of string, an empty cigarette packet, 2 gum drops, 6 half-pennies, a sling shot, a chunk of unknown substance, a genuine super-sonic code ring with a secret compartment.

A boy is a magical creature — you can lock him out of your workshop, you can get him out of your study, but you can't get him out of your mind.

Might as well give up — he is your captor, your jailer, and your master — a freckle-faced, pint-sized, cat-chasing bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of your hopes and dreams, he can mend them like new with two magic words — "Hi Dad".





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## Uncle Joss's Column



DEAR UNCLE JOSS,

For a long time I have wanted to be a Gunnery Instructor and I feel sure that I would be a success but the only trouble is that I'm terribly shy. I blush easily and do not like being stared at. Finally, I cannot bear noise. Do you think these little defects will prevent me from achieving my ambitions.

Yours in hope — "SHRINKING VIOLET".

Of course not, S.V. We live in times of change — something new every day. I can see no reason why you should not be the very first Shy G.I.

DEAR UNCLE JOSS,

For the past five and a half years I've been telling the boys that I wouldn't be seen dead in this outfit when me time expires, but what with the old pay rise and a bit of sheila trouble and so forth, I'm now taking on. How can I walk back?

Yours for another six years — "TURNABOUT".

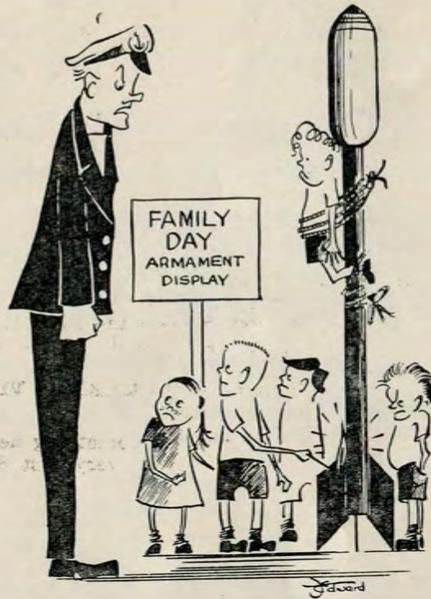
Tell them you've been blackmailed into it and only lack of funds prevents you from dragging the boulder through the highest Courts in the land. Also tell them that unless they want to be blackmailed too (I'm sure you've got something on all of them) they'd better sign on. You're obviously the unprincipled type, so this should give you some morbid satisfaction.

DEAR UNCLE JOSS,

I've had a couple of runs up north and have acquired a lot of artistic tattoos in some funny places. I've now got keen on a girl who has everything except she's always saying how disgusting tattoos are and how glad she is I'm not covered in them like some of these sailors. I've kept quiet so far, but with the surfing season coming on, I can't hold out much longer.

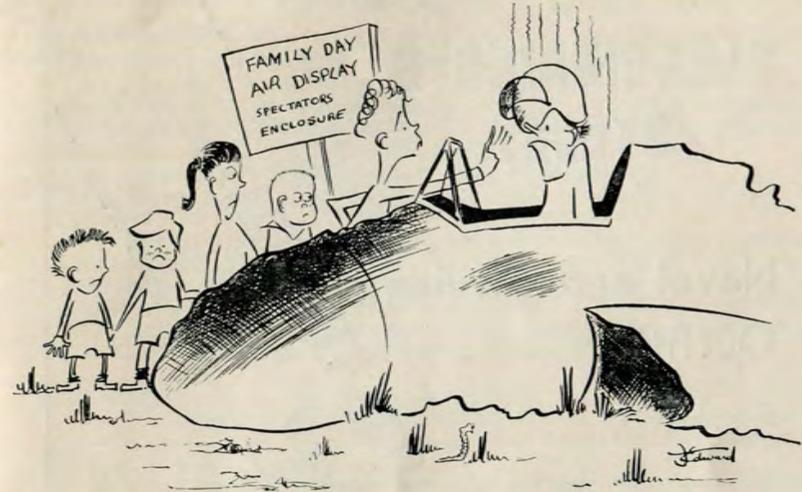
— "REMBRANT".

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## PUSSEY'S PAGE

It was gratifying to see that on this occasion pride did not go before a fall and our hopeful boast for a soccer victory was well justified by the valiant efforts of our team who gave the opposition a lesson in spirited play. The base rumours that the half time oranges supplied by the Pussey were injected with benzedrine for the Supply team and phenobarb for the Electrical team are hereby denied. A check with the Sick Bay will show that they refused to issue these drugs when requested.

### COOKS (S):

There's a shuffle among the top Gastronomes that is causing some concern in various quarters, however, the 'floating population' of 'Culinaryologists' will have their welfare well tended when at sea by the Senior Instructor who is going to get some of that balmy sea breeze into his lungs, which have long been accustomed to the miasma emanating from the swamps of the Mornington Peninsula.

### WRITERS:

Now that our pay office superintendent has won his second stripe we can once again bring the worn out Navy Lists from their hiding places. Congratulations, Boss!

It is thought from projected plans that some "overworked" Secretarial Staff may be able to recuperate in the tranquil atmosphere of the Pay Offices when their transfers become effective early in the New Year.

The forthcoming move of the Naval Manning Department from Melbourne to Canberra appears to be causing quite a stir within the branch.

However, a hearty welcome is extended to the new member of the A.J.A.S.S. Staff who has joined us after thirteen years sterling service in the Melbourne area. Watch the D.N.'s for further skids.

### S.A.'s and BUTCHERS:

This month we welcome back an old friend, Peter Towers-Hammond. I hope your stay here is enjoyable, Peter.

Since the Tennis and Cricket season started, the despatch with which the victualling chores are carried out is startling, to say the least.

We have just survived the annual inspection by a team of plain clothed gentlemen, who have proved to be very understanding, (even after a Squadron Chief referred to them as Fishery Inspectors).

### COOKS (O) and STEWARDS:

When Cook (O) Rigg took his long week-end a week early he was awarded 14 days in which to wonder how he got his dates mixed.

There's no truth in the buzz that Petty Officer King has been made a substantial offer by a local scrap metal firm. He's still riding the Motor bike around, having turned down several tempting propositions.

We have to deny the rumour that the Corporal of Stewards has been asked to suspend all Stewards duties in the Wardroom because of the inconvenience caused to the Stewards flying programme.

Welcome back to L.C.K. (O) Tomlin. We note with relief that the Admiral is still the best of health.

### STORES (S):

Welcome back to Splinter O'Shea and Skinny Hall. The first thing Splinter did on return from leave was to prepare a request to re-engage. Doesn't say much for married life!

Courtesy is catching. The economy-sized Sub Lieutenant is now known as "Your Friendly Stores Man". This follows a visit from a vacuum cleaner representative (no free adds).



# BALLRACE

M. R. S.

The whole section regrets the drafting of C.A.A. Parsons, our Gannet King, who has now taken up residence at the College of Knowledge. We were sorry we couldn't present him with a pair of silver mounted Gannet throttles, but we are sure he will continue to disrupt Kents Academy at every available opportunity whilst training Gannet Runner-uppers.

We take this opportunity of welcoming Lt. Cdr. Caws, the Chief Sleuth of the Sherlock Holmes Department. Our help, knowledge, and guidance will be available to him and his staff at all times in the future, as they have been in the past.

The Softball season started well; we were narrowly defeated by LTMU. Rules of the game have now been printed and we expect to win next time.

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## WHAT'S UP!

(Extract from an Admiralty Circular)

It is necessary for technical reasons that these warheads should be stored with the top at the bottom and the bottom at the top. In order that there may be no doubt which is the bottom for storage purposes, it will be seen that the bottom of each head has been labelled with the word "top".

## SLINGS AND ARROWS

(Armourers' Antics Department)

It is with regret that we say farewell to a couple of the old Brigade in NAM (O) Timothy (3 weeks on the one wave) O'Halloran and NAM (O) Bill (Swishy) Shirley, who depart in a few days to take up very important positions in civilised society. Tim plans to become a pillar of law and order in the Sunshine State, while Bill is keeping his intentions very much to himself, mainly because he probably doesn't know.

The young'uns are beginning to find their feet now, so all us old salts can sit back and enjoy a well-earned rest—not before time, at that.

Rumour has it that LAM (O) Martin, who managed to spend all his time away from the section during the winter playing football, is now trying to get into the Station cricket side so he can spend the summer away, too. LAM (O) Copping, who has had a number of frustrating experiences over the last six months, is now quite content again. Well done Dick!

# CROTCHETS and QUAVERS

The Band is back after a completely successful tour. In Victoria at the opening display at the Grand Final of the Aussie Rules, at the M. C. G., the Band so impressed the crowd of 98,000 that it brought them to their feet, the applause was greater and more prolonged than at the Olympic Games in '56.

What with making recordings for the A.B.C., live performances on A.B.V., G.T.V.9, a show at the Olympic Pool for 6,000 Secondary School Pupils, and the final display at the Showgrounds, the Victorian tour will be remembered by both the Band and the Victorians for some time to come.

The Massed Bands entrained for N.S.W. leaving behind Bandmaster Lunn and 24 Musicians to launch the "Yarra". Having successfully accomplished this mission, the remainder of the Band returned to Sydney, where they threw their talent whole-heartedly into the Waratah Festival activities, and a display at the Naval Ball.

A highlight of this occasion was the Band's playing for the Marching Girl's display in Hyde Park. On this occasion it is reliably reported that the Bandmaster had difficulty in concentrating on the Score.

The Grand Finale came when the Naval Band was selected to lead a Parade through the streets of Sydney, the Parade was of a competitive nature and the 'Grapevine' has it that the Navy Band 'stole the show'.

The Band would like to ask all the sundry who have requests for use of the Band during the forthcoming Festival Season, to forward their requests to the Captain as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Judging by the smiles and the cheerful demeanour of the Band in general, we believe that they are glad to be back in the "Sunshine State" again and more particularly to the rich food and sylvan surroundings of H.M.A.S. Albatross.

—EL MAESTRO.

## H.M.A.S. Albatross Boat Club

The boat club has got away to a good start with nearly 40 members. Unfortunately the three Firefly dinghies and the three R.N.S.A. dinghies were in poor condition when we received them and we are still struggling to make them fully seaworthy. The first of the canoes has been received and is in constant use.

As far as the future of the Club is concerned, we shall have to make a decision soon as to the type of boat on which the Club is to concentrate. The Fireflies are too expensive to replace and the R.N.S.A.s are too heavy for our purposes. It has been suggested that we should select a boat about 12 feet overall, which would be comparatively easy for individuals who wish to possess their own boats, to construct.

Non members who wish to cast an eye over the boatshed and the facilities offered are welcome to drop in over the week-ends. The boatshed is on the Nowra side of the Shoalhaven, just beyond the Olympic Swimming Pool.



## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



PACELLI — SON OF PEACE

### ONE OF THE GREATEST OF THE POPES

The passing of Pope Pius XII, which caused great sorrow to the whole Catholic Church, robbed the world of a truly great leader. The tributes paid to him by men of all creeds were not only consoling to those who felt the loss most, but striking testimonies to the universal impact he had made on the world of his time.

Born Eugene Pacelli, Pius XII was the 262nd of the long line of the Popes. In him was blended the scholar, the diplomat, and the Saint. He brought to his high office a collection of amazing natural talents, which over the twenty years of his pontificate he used in the cause of Christ and the well-being of all men. He was an outstanding linguist, possessed an intimate knowledge of most of the sciences as well as the arts, and his representations were heard in most of the world's Parliaments. But he never forgot his duty towards the most lowly of men. He had a fatherly love for children, and his concern for their suffering caused him deep anguish which was always painfully obvious.

The name Pacelli means Son of Peace, and Pius XII laboured for peace throughout the troubled years of his reign. His motto was OPUS JUSTITIAE PAX—Peace is the Reward of Justice—and that summed up his message to the nations of the world. But there were those who would not listen to his words, and so his reign began in the shadow of World War II and ended in the shadow of the hydrogen bomb. He knew something of the horrors of war from first hand, having come face to face with Communist revolutionaries in Munich on more than one occasion. When Rome was bombed in 1943, he once returned to the Vatican with his white soutane spattered with blood after having visited the suffering whilst a raid was still in progress.

His charity was exemplified by his manner of reference to Stalin. "My son, Josef," he called the man who was the spearhead of the scourge which brought death and suffering to so many of his spiritual children. The world is the poorer for the loss of this great man, now gone to the rest he so richly deserved. May God grant to his successor something of the greatness of Pope Pius XII, for he is destined to rule through years of critical importance for the human race.

—CHAPLAIN F. LYONS, R.A.N.

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My Church enriched my childhood with Romance and Religion, and with the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul.

In the stress and storm of adolescence My Church heard the surge of my soul, and she guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes towards the stars.

When first my heart knew the strange awakenings of love, My Church taught me to chasten and spiritualise my affections; she sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.

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## WHITE ENSIGN CLUB

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THE CLUB has decided to extend the closing date for the design of a Club Blazer pocket until the 7th November, 1958. A number of entries did not abide by the rules, which stated that the White Ensign could not be used.

Tickets are still available for the Kangaroo Skin Rug—drawing date has been deferred from Trafalgar Day to a later date.

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## SPORTING NOTES

### RUGBY UNION

In a stirring and rugged Dempster Cup grand final, played at Albatross, the Air Station downed Watson, 11 points to 8, before a crowd of 900 to win the coveted Rugby Union trophy.

This was Albatross' third victory in a month over Watson, the score in the other matches being 41 to 8 and 25 to 5.

First score in last Tuesday's game went to Albatross 5 minutes after the commencement when Keech intercepted a Watson pass and snapped the ball to Dugdale for a nice centre try; full-back Beutel easily converted.

A minute later a long kick and good backing-up by Albatross forwards almost earned them another try. A penalty kick at goal soon after also nearly made it.

Grand final "jitters" were being quickly cast aside by players of both teams and the pace accelerated very smartly; the forwards particularly mixing it rather willingly. But it took 20 minutes of hard play before Watson managed to take the attack into Albatross' territory. A real "highlight", which amused a small section of the crowd, but which brought howls of rage from the majority of Albatross supporters, frequently occurred when P.O. Lovejoy, of Watson, in the line-outs got lifted high and dry over the heads and shoulders of the remainder by the seat of his pants. Needless to say the said pants came to grief at a bad time because of unfair treatment.

The time had ticked on to 30 minutes with the score still at 5 - Nil, with no likelihood of further score insig ht; the play had suddenly closed up and players were reluctant to throw the ball around.

The second half saw some excellent football on both sides, passing and backing - up being particularly good to watch. Winkle, of Albatross, brilliantly intercepting one of these Watson passes went over to score a three-pointer, which Beutel failed to convert. Score 8 to nil.

Watson immediately clapped on the pace and were in Albatross' area but most threats were cleared by the full-back in workmanlike manner. However, Greaves, of Watson, kicked an excellent penalty goal to place Watson's first points on the board and make the score 8 - 3. The sick berth attendant was by now having plenty to do in attending injured players and Referee Storrie had occasion to issue warnings many times.

At approximately 10 minutes to full-time the pace was a cracker and Dugdale went through to make Albatross' score 11. Immediately after the kick-off, five-eight Green, of Watson, penetrated Albatross' defence and forced a try which was converted by Watson's captain, Greaves, to bring up his team's total to 8. Excitement was at fever pitch both on the sidelines and on the field when the final whistle sounded to end what must go down in Dempster Cup competition history as one of the fastest and most rugged Grand Finals ever seen.

Captain G. Oldham made the presentation to the captain of Albatross team.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

H.M.A.S. Albatross' Reserve Grade Rugby League team, last year's premiers, ran out winners again the other week-end, and clinched the Group 7 Grand Final by defeating Kiama, 10 pts. to 7. The "A" Grade League side just were not good enough to survive the heavy going towards the struggle for the final four.

## CRICKET

The Air Station has again entered teams in the Shoalhaven District Cricket competition and the I. Zingari Shield competition, the latter trophy being held by Albatross.

We still have some interservices players left from last year, namely: Flying Officer Lindeman, Petty Officer Keer and Naval Airman Beutel; and with the very able assistance of other known Albatross players in P.O. Silsby, L/A. Purton, LEM Keay and LREM McDermott, the Station side is looking with confidence to the season ahead.

The "birdies" in their first Zingari match, this month at Trumper Park, put the Melbourne to sea much earlier than anyone anticipated. With a great display of bowling from LEM Weiss (4 wkts. for 5) and LEM Keay (3 wkts. for 20), Melbourne was dismissed for 110 runs. In the Albatross innings, which finished 3 wkts. for 264, N.A. Beutel put up 61 runs and LREM McDermott added a handsome 68; both players then carried their bat.

In its first Shoalhaven District match just completed after two days play, Albatross had stiff luck to lose by only one run against Kangaroo Valley. The best with the bat for Albatross were Petty Officer Kerr and Naval Airman Beutel, whose scores were 67 and 24 respectively; whilst L.E.M. Weiss took four wickets for 24 runs during the Station's fielding period. Final scores: Kangaroo Valley 184, Albatross 183.

More players are required for the above mentioned competitions. Those desirous are asked to get out there at Net practice on Wednesdays at 1430, and contact P.O. Kerr, Chief Luther or N.A. Beutel.

## FIGHT FEAST AT ALBATROSS

Last Boxing Night in "E" hangar once again proved that good fights will draw well. In spite of the fact that many fight fans were closed up at 'Night Flying' Stations over £50 was raised for charity.

The main bout of 10 rounds saw Navy Star, Brian Smith take his third step along the 'come-back trail' when he comfortably outpointed tough Italian featherweight, Aldo Collangelo. The fight did not reach great heights as a boxing spectacle because of Collangelo's spoiling tactics, but Smith showed good ring nousé, being content to take the points in the majority of rounds with a left jab and a good smother when the Italian attacked.

The best fight seen at the Station for many a long day was the main support of 8 rounds between Nowra coloured boxer, Artie McLeod, and highly rated Sydney fighter, Bobby Piper, who just managed a points win. Their bout had the fans applauding throughout and brought forth a well earned shower of coins, a thing rarely seen these days even at the major Stadiums.

RESULTS OF OTHER BOUTS WERE:— 8 rounds— Henry Olsen (Sydney) stopped Merv Hewitt (Milton) in the 7th round. Hewitt suffered a cut eye, which needed 5 stitches.

Navy Steward, "Punchy" Parsons, caused an upset by knocking out the strong all-rounder and football star, Ernie Keech, in the second round.

Able Seaman "Knobby" Walsh held tough Italian George Rocco to a hard fought draw over the 4 rounds, and the other Port Kembla Italian, Luigi Vescio, stopped coloured local, Dave Perry, in the fourth.

David Learmount did well to earn a draw in his 3 round bout, but Mike Smith was outmatched in his bout with young McLeod, whose father is a capable "glovesman".

With the boxing fever spreading in Albatross, it augers well for our chances in the Inter-Service boxing to be staged here in February.



★ ALBATROSS BASKETBALL TEAM, undefeated in the Nowra Basketball competition. Back Row (left to right): S.A. Weathered, L.A. Bryce, L.R.O. Hosking, Wtr. Hiller. Front Row (left to right): L.R.O. Harris, L.A. Wright, N.A. Heintz. Absent: P.O. Barrie (capt.).

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## INTER-DIVISIONAL — The Aggregate Shield, 1958

With the completion of the Winter games programme, it can be seen that the Divisional Championship for Sport, 1958, has again gone to the Electrical Division, having gained 26 points, whilst Supply and Air Divisions tied for Runners Up with 16 points each

Electrical had to work much harder in all branches of sport this year to gain their win and had to be content with a number of seconds and thirds in the various codes. In fact, it was quite a change to see Petty Officers, Supply and Air nudging them very closely at different stages during the season.

Points for the Shield are awarded: 1st - 6 pts; 2nd - 4 pts; 3rd - 2 pts. The full results for the year are set out hereunder:—

CRICKET — Officers, 1st; P.O.'s, 2nd; Eng/Ord., 3rd.  
 TENNIS — P.O.'s, 1st; C.P.O.'s, 2nd; Air/Eng., 3rd.  
 ATHLETICS — Electrical, 1st; Air Dept., 2nd; P.O.'s, 3rd.  
 SWIM & WATER POLO — Air/Eng., 1st; Electrical, 2nd; Supply, 3rd.  
 RUGBY UNION — Electrical, 1st; Air Dept., 2nd; Executive, 3rd.  
 SOCCER — Supply, 1st; Electrical, 2nd; Air Dept., 3rd.  
 AUST. F/BALL — Supply, 1st; Executive, 2nd; Electrical, 3rd.  
 HOCKEY — S.A.M.E., 1st; Officers, 2nd; C.P.O.'s, 3rd.  
 CROSS COUNTRY — Air Dept., 1st; Electrical, 2nd; Supply, 3rd.

## INTER-PART SUMMER COMPETITION

The inter-part tennis and cricket comps. have already been started between the ten divisions; fifteen matches in tennis and eleven 2-day

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## STOP PRESS SPORTS RESULTS

### CRICKET:

**I. Zingari Shield** — ALBATROSS 139 (McDermott 30, O'Shea 29); DESTROYERS and FRIGATES 112. Albatross won on 1st Innings.

**Shoalhaven District Competition** — CURRUMBENE 93; ALBATROSS 159. Albatross won on 1st Innings.

### BASKETBALL:

ALBATROSS defeated MELBOURNE, 42 - 23.

### TENNIS:

ALBATROSS defeated MELBOURNE, 7 matches to 3.



## SPORTSMAN OF THE MONTH

★ L.E.M. RON KEAY holding the Bennett Trophy he received for Best and Fairest Player of Albatross Australian Football team, which competes in the Combined Services mid-week competition. L.E.M. Keay, who comes from Katanning, Western Australia, has represented Navy in interservice sport both in the N.S.W. and Victorian areas at cricket, Aust. football and athletics. This season he is a member of Albatross cricket teams, which are competing in the I. Zingari Shield and the Shoalhaven District Cricket Association's comps.



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When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, My Church has believed in me and woingly she has called me back to live within the heights of myself.

Now have come the children dearer to me than life itself, and My Church is helping me to train them for all joyous and clean and Christly living.

My Church calls me to her heart. She asks my service and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it. I will help her to do for others what she has done for me. In this place in which I live I will help her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith.

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There are four hundred million Christians out of three thousand million people in the world.

—CHAPLAIN J. WILLSON, R.N.

R.A.N. GAME FISHING CLUB  
(Jervis Bay Branch)

The Club has been a hive of activity since the official opening of the season on 16th August, when the Captain and Commander came out as guests of the Club. Fishing has taken place every Saturday and Sunday and a Family Day was held on Sunday, 5th October. A.W.B. 436 is in good shape and now boasts a galley which dispenses Espresso Nescafe at all hours.

It is still too early in the season to expect spectacular catches, the last big fish to be landed being a 175 lb. Mako Shark, caught by Lieutenant Commander Dixon some weeks ago. With warmer water and the introduction of the Salthouse Patent Burley Dispenser, we expect the sea to be boiling with fish. We will then catch them.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEAR SIR,

I've been struggling for some considerable time to cultivate a few shrubs and flowers around my married quarters home, but my efforts are frustrated by packs of roaming dogs.

I don't own a dog myself, because it would have to be chained up in fairness to others, but this does not seem to apply in many cases.

It might be of interest to the local authorities to know that none of these dogs are REGISTERED.

— "Wingeing Winnie".

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