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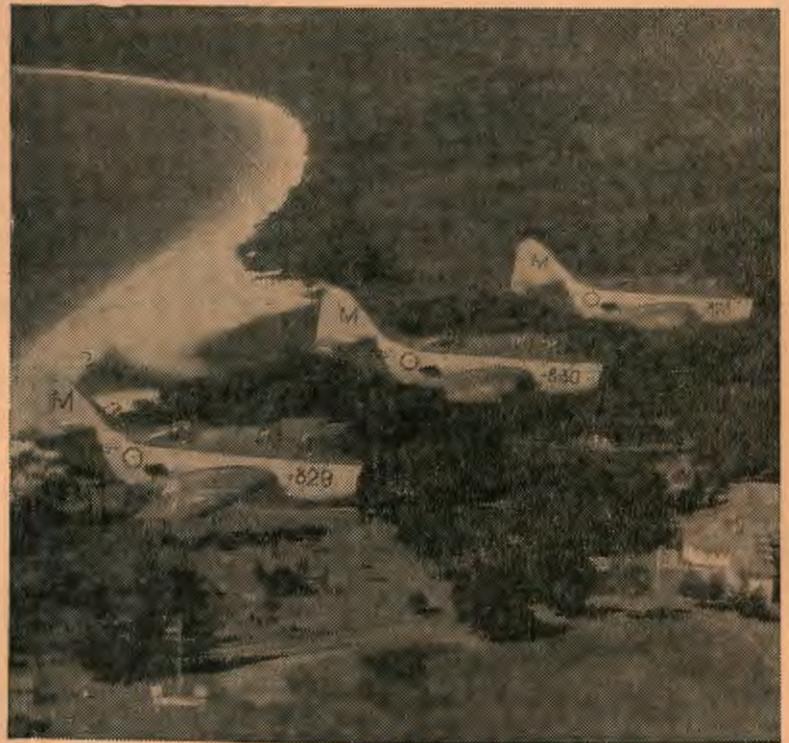
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"THE trouble with this (adjective to suit) place, is that there's nothing to do at the week-ends." How often have we heard this heartfelt cry from many of the 300 hundred or so interstate bachelors serving in Albatross? In fact there is no excuse for anyone who is not a complete moron (and we are not supposed to have any of those here) to find time hanging heavy on his hands at week-ends.

Sport is an obvious diversion and this place offers unrivalled facilities, all well advertised. Rugby League, Hockey, Cricket, Golf, Game Fishing, Sailing, Gliding and Shooting are all active at week-ends. The Nowra district has a wealth of attractions — excellent fishing of all types, surfing, bush-walking, even gold panning for those who like to turn their pastimes to profit. Not the outdoor type? What about a bit of culture, then, obtainable in digestible form with the Nowra Players and the Shoalhaven Musical Society, both of which are keen to have more Albatrosses in their ranks? For earthier types, there are plenty of local hops, the White Ensign Club and the Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemens' Club. If you possess transport the field is even wider, but it is quite possible to pursue all the above activities without owning asmuch as a push bike.

In short, unless you are a dyed in the wool King's Cross native, never happy more than a biscuit's throw from a juke box, you should find your non duty week-ends one unending round of action and gaiety.

EDITOR

Station Personality

No. 27

CHARLEY MRAZ



THIS MONTH we present as our personality Charley Mraz — the Head cleaner of the Chief Petty Officers' and Petty Officers' messes.

Charley is a Hungarian, born in a town quite unpronounceable and employed for seventeen years prior to the war as a Forester. Like all able bodied males in Hungary at that time he was obliged to undergo a period of military training each year and in 1943, when the Russians advanced on Hungary, he was called up and spent the next eighteen months in full time service as a Sergeant in an Artillery regiment.

After the Russians had overrun Hungary, in late 1944, for many months there was a complete collapse of all administration and it was some time before Charley was able to return to his former employment.

In 1947, with the Communists in complete control, Charley was informed that unless he became a member of the Communist Party he could not keep his job. He resisted all attempts to persuade him to join the Party, but soon found himself out of a job after almost twenty years in the Forestry service.

With several friends he started a small fuel and timber business but taxes were so crippling that he found it impossible to stay in business and eventually he decided that he and his family would endeavour to flee into Austria.

The heavily guarded border area had a depth of fifty miles and it took Charley, his wife and three children two weeks to reach safety and freedom in Austria. They carried only a small amount of food which was soon exhausted; they travelled by night and had to dodge guard dogs, minefields and patrolling guards. They were shot at once and on at least one occasion were deliberately ignored by the Border guards. For long stretches Charley carried his youngest child — nine-years-old Kathy — on his shoulders and when crossing a river at the border had to swim across with each of the three children in turn. His wife could not swim and managed to cross with the aid of a makeshift rope made by knotting together their clothes and several saplings.

On arrival in Austria, Charley and his wife were obliged to sell both their wedding rings in order to buy their first meal.

After being screened and investigated by the Austrian authorities and officials of the International Organisation for Refugees, Charley was given work on a farm and later with the Water Board in Salsburg.

Charley heard many good reports about Australia from his fellow refugees and decided after about a year in Austria that he and his family would migrate to Australia. They travelled via Italy and arrived in Sydney in 1950. After a short stay at the reception centre he came to Nowra where he and his family lived in a tent at Woollamia. His children heard that there was another Hungarian family in the district and after several

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LOCAL INDUSTRIES

No. 3 — Horlicks Malted Milk Factory

Horlicks Malted Milk powder has been made in the United Kingdom since 1890 but the first Australian produced powder came from the Bomaderry factory in 1934. This small pilot plant was extended in 1937 and the present modern factory was constructed in 1949-1952, the original buildings being now used as a storehouse.

Milk is received from about 75 local dairy farmers by the British Australian Milk Co. — a wholly owned subsidiary of Horlicks and after meeting the requirements of the Milk Board the remainder of the intake is pumped by overhead glass pipe conveyor into the factory, the average weekly intake being about 24,000 gallons. The other raw materials used are high grade flour, and malted barley. The barley is cleaned and crushed then mixed with the flour. Water is added to this mixture which is then steam heated and agitated in mash tuns until the starch is reduced to malt sugar. The mixture then passes through several stages of rotary extractors which separate the grains and husks from the liquid wort. The grains and husks are dried and sold as cattle fodder.

The liquid wort is pumped to the vacuum drying coppers, the first of which reduces the liquid to a syrupy consistency and the second stage to a caramel coloured honeycomb-like solid. This solid is crushed and sieved to become the final product.

The powder passes via sealed conveyors to the bottling and packing room where it is automatically weighed into the glass bottles. The bottles are then automatically sealed and labelled and then packed by hand into the shipping cartons.

The manufacturing process is a continuous one, the complete cycle taking about eight hours. At present two eight hour shifts are worked, the process being halted to enable complete stripping and cleaning of all equipment each Friday. This rigorous cleaning together with the totally enclosed conveyor systems ensures that the highest standards of cleanliness are maintained.

The factory produces a baby food — Milkose — which is a modified milk powder with additional vitamins added. This product is dried on steam heated rollers and packed in nitrogen to improve its keeping qualities.

Another product of the factory is Nulacin. This is Malted Milk powder modified and processed into tablet form for use in the treatment of gastric ulcers.

A small quantity of condensed milk is produced for the biscuit and confectionery trade. This is made by mixing milk with a cane sugar syrup and boiling off the water content.

The annual output of Malted Milk powder is about 3½ million pounds weight and about ¼ million pounds weight of Milkose baby food is produced. Australia and New Zealand consume 20% of the Malted Milk, the remainder being sold throughout the Asian countries and in India and South Africa. Almost the complete output of Milkose is sold in Ceylon.

Quite unconnected with the "milky" side of the factory is another project carried out for the parent firm. This is the bottling of Air Wick air cleanser and freshener. The essence is received from England and broken down and bottled at Bomaderry for the Australian market.

The factory employs about 100 workers and like all large factories these days this number includes quite a variety of nationalities — Dutch, Italian, German and English migrants are all employed.

DOWN ON THE FARM

ANY TIME you fellows over at the Air Station feel that you want to get away from it all, you're welcome to come over and visit Fauntleroy and me.

It was 2GB announcer John Hudson who started it. He had himself locked in a caravan outside Sydney Town Hall, and won't come out until he has collected £1000 for charity. His only relaxation comes at lunch time each day, when he is allowed out for five minutes, on the end of a chain, to collect donations from the crowd.

A couple of days later, Eric "This I Believe" Baume cashed in on the idea and declared that he would take up residence in the anti-room of King Kong's cage at Taronga Park, and collect bananas.

What he plans to do with the bananas is not clear, but Eric Baume is no fool. He saw at once that King Kong's cage is one of the finest pieces of Real-Estate in Sydney — a brick-built, all mod-cons home unit, with harbour views, three hot meals a day, and a cage full of female Rhesus monkeys right next door.

Well, mes petits, I decided that if it's good enough for fellows like Eric Baume, it's good enough for me. If you take a good look round this Air Station, where do you find the best brick accommodation, with full board, room service, clean bedding every day, and congenial company of both sexes? — It's obvious isn't it?

I've been over here at the Pig Farm since Monday now, and I don't know why I didn't think of it before. Fauntleroy and I share Sty No. 3. Fauntleroy is a direct descendant of Murgatroyd, (one of the original tenants over here) — a real chop off the old block.

Like his ancestor, Fauntleroy has a refreshingly relaxed attitude to life, and a fine disregard for convention! It was Fauntleroy who went on a sit-down strike once when he was kept standing for too long during Captain's Rounds. He didn't mean to sit on the Commander's foot.

Apart from all the young fellows, the only other men on the place are Albert and Horace, who are both a bit past their prime. Albert is a bit of a moaner; Horace, a placid, easy-going sort of fellow. Both are grossly overweight.

Then of course there are the twenty-three eligible females. On a strictly mathematical basis this would work out at seven and two thirds per man. In actual fact, Horace spends so much of his time with his feet in the trough, that the burden of social duties falls almost entirely on the shoulders of Fauntleroy and Albert. Still, as Fauntleroy says, they are both men of the world. (He always leers when he says this).

We eat well, and our diet is full of surprises. It always upsets Fauntleroy though, when a recognisable portion of one of his old flames turns up in the trough. He was off his food for a week, for instance, when he found one of Marilyn's trotters in the soup some time ago. He blames the First Lieutenant for allowing this sort of thing to happen. The man has no heart, he says.

Albert and Horace, of course, have no such qualms, Horace will eat anything. In fact, one of the main items on his menu is unread copies of Navy News. He consumes about two thousand of these a fortnight.

One of our main relaxations is to have a good laugh at all you fellows on the other side of the airfield. We lie stretched out in the sun, surrounded by Fauntleroy's admiring women-folk, and watch you all scurrying about. Albert says he can't quite see what you are achieving over there but he likes to watch nevertheless, because if there is one way to enjoy leisure it is to watch other people at work.

Horace thinks that the Air Station is an organisation devoted to the welfare of pigs and the manufacture of pig-food. But then Horace has a one-track mind.

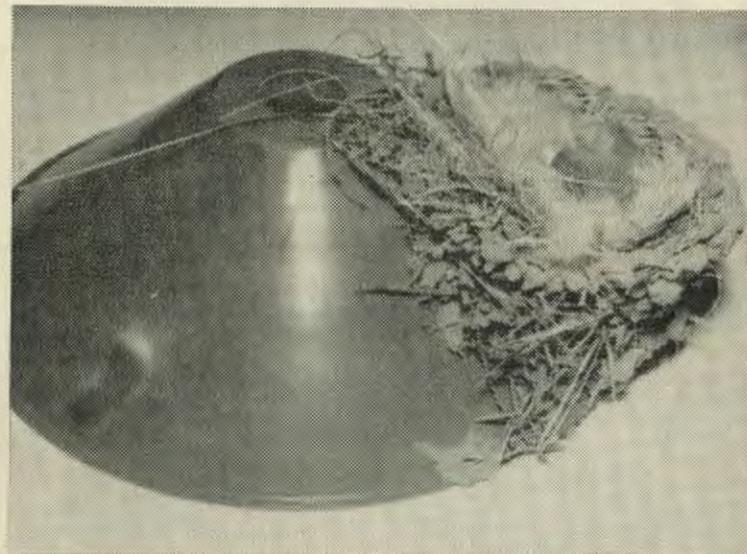
Fauntleroy has the most interesting theory. He says that human beings are under a compulsion to keep busy. They must keep on the move, because as soon as they relax, they start to think, and then they begin to wonder if what they are doing is worthwhile. According to Fauntleroy, the Air Station is a special camp for those who wish to avoid thinking. Why else do they spend their spare time doing such things as knocking those little white balls around at the end of the airfield and shaking their fists in the air and swearing.

P.S. I showed a rough draft of this article to the fellows here, and Horace said he thought Fauntleroy's comment on the First Lieutenant was a bit harsh. He, Horace, had always found the service at the Pig Farm excellent. Besides, the First Lieutenant was quite a kind-hearted chap — he always fed those dogs over on the Air Station.

"Who does he feed them to?" asked Fauntleroy.

GULLIVER.

STILL THE BEST



Poor bird who nested in a P.O.'s room,
Rudly dislodged by sweeper's eager broom,
Please note when next you plan to build a nest —
Smart birds avoid a place that's **STILL THE BEST.**

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days search he found Victor Sandor, who was working — and still works — at Albatross.

Victor suggested that Charley apply for a job at Albatross and he has now been employed here for nine years.

Last Xmas Charley was naturalised an Australian and he has decided that this year, like most other Australian families, he and his wife are going to go away for a holiday when his leave comes around.

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AJASS IN WONDERLAND

The cinema is the realm where fantasy abounds and people live in a world of dreams. The impossible is commonplace, what is false is true and fact is only a four letter word.

It was therefore no great surprise when a signal was received at AJASS (Acting, Joking and Social Society) from F.O.I.C.E.A.A. (Film Officer in Charge Entertainments and Amusements) that a unit of Cine-tone would arrive to make a brief movie of AJASS at work. No briefer subject could be imagined.

The reaction of the staff was instantaneous and each tended unwittingly to adopt the characteristics of his favourite film star. The Directors at first adopted an attitude of complete nonchalance and showed no interest apart from having "Director" painted on the backs of their chairs and wearing baseball caps and dark glasses to work.

A certain spark of jealousy appeared later and wrangling occurred between them over a projected starring role. However this was all in vain when the tame Flying Officer refused to play the part of Laurel maintaining that he was more the Errol Flynn type.

The Chief Instructor, normally given to flights of fancy, remained perfectly calm throughout, his only reaction being to wear a saddle and answer only to the name of Trigger.

The Naval Communicator made no concession to the presence of the unit, but nevertheless impressed them with his performance in his usual role of the Invisible Man.

The Aged Aviator, although a T.V. addict, entered into the spirit of things by cutting off his remaining few hairs, wearing glasses and sewing inverted stripes on his arm. He then moved in smartly and took control of the tea club, lottery club and petty cash, but was ordered to remove the penny slot machines which he had installed at the Directors' convenience.

The Senior Instructor was almost abashed when told to wash the boot polish and burnt cork from his face and take his trumpet home. His next effort was also a failure when the Directors refused to allow his grand piano and Mother into the building.

He immediately donated his candlebra to the L Department.

The word soon spread around the station that a film was being made at AJASS and applications were handled by Cecil B. de Signals who had great difficulty in selecting suitable extras from the thousands of applicants.

It soon became obvious that the number of actors on the station is fantastic and that the Supply Department has no monopoly on hams.

The film has now been completed but cannot be discussed until it is released in the near future. Suffice it to say that it hopes to present AJASS in a glowing (some would prefer "burning") light as the fount of A/S knowledge. It has accordingly been classified as a science fiction film suitable for children only.

The Future of Military Aircraft

Political and Military requirements will change, weapons and techniques will change, but basic military principles do not change by land, or air, or sea. For as far ahead as we can see, the pilot and the navigator have their great future. The challenge of the missile does not mean that the flying machine is outdated. On the contrary, there will always be a very wide range of jobs that only a manned aircraft can perform.

— Prime Minister of Great Britain (May, 1959).

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Around The Station

Everyone feeling nice and relaxed after their Winter leave? You are? That's fine, because it's the last relaxation you're going to have for a considerable time — until September 16 to be exact.

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The unusually large number of Senior Officers now visiting the Air Station is participating in a Senior Officers' Study Period being held at AJASS. They include officers from the R.A.N., R.N., R.A.A.F., R.A.F. and U.S.N. as well as two civilian scientists. Their presence accounts for the midnight oil burning which went on in AJASS for a week or two before their arrival.

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It is fortunate that the Woollahra Council has not sighted the Senior Officers' Married Quarters now being built opposite the Village. Even if they did not condemn them for being too close together, they would, if they had seen them during the recent rains, have had them demolished for being too near the waterfront.

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Old hands in the Commander's Office report a tremendous increase in the number of callers recently, most of them for the most trivial reasons. What's the attraction?

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The Commander's leg is expected to be out of plaster in about a week. It is understood that a special Wardroom Mess Dinner is being arranged to celebrate the event.

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The Tubby Subby's new address is the Victualling Office where he is carrying out some valuable research into the adequacy of the rations. The idea is that if he can survive on a given quantity, so can any three Naval Airmen.

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In our April issue we were able to report the results of trials carried out by Sub. Lieut. Mulcare into the flotation properties of Volkswagen motor vehicles. This month the vehicle under test was a Goggomobile Dart which was similarly tested in Water Proving Grounds at the lower end of Berry Street during the recent heavy rains. Naval Airman Van Oenne reports that his vehicle has identical flotation characteristics to the Volkswagen.

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725 Radio section are convinced that bad luck goes in threes. On the Monday that the Vampire landed without the benefit of undercarriage and the Gannet landed with the odd panel missing, there occurred the only Gannet radio failure so far since leave. This would not normally be worthy of comment — except that this radio failure happened to an aircraft in which the Captain AND the Commander Air were passengers.

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The following conversation was overheard on the flight deck of the Melbourne during the recent pleasure cruise.

First Birdie: "What are these Special Sea Dutymen?"

Second Birdie: "I don't know for sure but they are on a soft number as they only work when we are entering and leaving harbour."

The Lieutenant Commander seen paddling in Fall's Creek with his shoes removed and trousers rolled up to the knees was not practising for a day on the beach on his return to U.K. He was carrying out salvage operations after an unsuccessful attempt to prove that Morris Minors float better than Volkswagens and Goggomobile Darts.

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On the night the rains came 4.67 inches fell in this district. This meant that 9,039,388 gallons of water fell on Albatross. At least half of this amount flowed through "A" hangar. (And if you think we made these figures up ourselves, YOU try working it out).

This I Can't Believe - by Dereck Bome

I can't believe that anyone can seriously regard Rugby as a game that is prospering. Poker machines — yes, but Rugby League — no. Norm Provan, who has given Australia some pretty good service in recent years, was condemned by several newspapers for being unable to tour England. All he did was to consider his family, employers, house and H.P. commitments and decided that he could not afford to tour on only £15 per week which is all this so-called "International Game" could guarantee him for representing Australia.

So let's have no more rubbish about this GREAT (with a small g) GAME.

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Well, the Curacao kid is back — all healthy, suntanned, broke and — happily married.

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Some chap in Sydney with a name like mine and who writes a column in a Sydney paper (the title is pretty much the same too) recently wrote three glorious columns on why two-up should be made legal. Now, honestly, who would enjoy playing two-up on Anzac Day if they thought it was legal? This chap upsets me so much at times that I wish he would lock himself in a caravan outside the Town Hall until the game was legal.

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Then there was the poor mother who had three children only two of whom were alive. The other is a "Fishhead."

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Sorry punters about Foxarma in the Brisbane Cup, but Magaris has yet to start, so you can get your losses back there.

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A temperance lecturer finished his talk with a practical demonstration. A live wriggling worm was dropped into a glass of water (Ugh!) where it carried on like a Bondi Beach babe. Then out of the water and into the whisky (Luverly!) where it (the worm) went entirely rigid and sank to the bottom of the glass with a bad attack of rigor mortis.

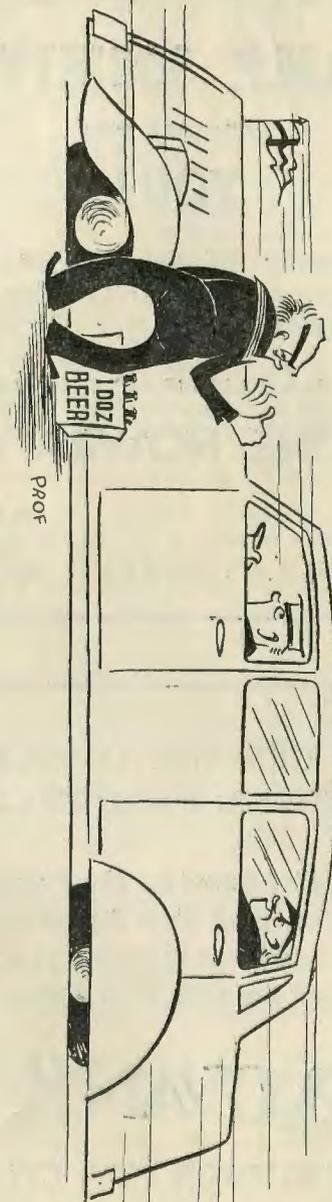
The moral of the story? If you drink whisky, you'll never have worms.

"LOAFER'S HEART" IS NEW ILLNESS

An international team of medical researchers has reported an occupational hazard for stay-at-homes, office workers and layabouts — "loafer's heart."

— Sydney Morning Herald.

When interviewed with reference to the above the S.M.O. stated that we had no recorded cases at present and that he did not expect any until after September.



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LEGACY AND ITS WORK

TO best explain the meaning of the word LEGACY I quote from the Charter of Legacy.

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The care of dependants of comrades, who served their country in War and who gave their lives or health, affords a field of service.

Safeguarding the interest of children is a service worth rendering, and their interests include their mental, moral, vocational and physical welfare.

Personal effort is the main essential.

Inasmuch as these are the activities of Legacy, it is your privilege to "accept the Legacy of fallen comrades."

This is the code to which Legatees, those men who "accept the Legacy of fallen comrades," dedicate their time and energy. They proudly wear the Badge of Legacy which symbolises in its torch the undying flame of Service and Sacrifice handed down by comrades in War who have passed on. In its wreath of laurel, with its points inverted in remembrance, is the guidon of honour; that is the need of those who gave their lives for their country.

Legatees, men who have returned from war service overseas, make every possible effort to provide for the overall welfare of every widow and her children eligible for Legacy Benefits.

This work covers a wide range of needs — the most essential and the most appreciated of which is that of Advisor. His aim is to give moral support and sound advice to the families under his guidance. Assistance is given in matters of finance, education, employment, medical and dental treatment and legal advice. Perhaps the most prominent activity of Legacy in larger areas is Junior Legacy, where the children are provided with sporting and recreational facilities so essential for normal development. Opportunity for holidays at seaside or mountain resorts, attendance at sporting fixtures, seasonal functions and picnics, amenities which most fathers like to enjoy with their children, are available to Legacy wards.

The work of Legacy is largely unpublicised but rewarding in itself. Nowra Legacy Contact Group cares for some 52 Widows and 100 children and its area extends from Berry to Bateman's Bay.

Legacy seeks only to provide items which are necessary to sustain decent living and not the luxuries which it is the aim of every man to provide for his own family. In this it relies on the warm and generous response by citizens.

Torch bearers for Legacy are primarily the fund raisers and it is their privilege each year to conduct the Button Appeal. In addition they successfully organise street stalls, picture benefits, barbecues and guessing competitions.

It is pleasing for us here at Albatross to note that in the Tenth Annual Report of the Legacy Club of Wollongong, of which Nowra is a Contact Group, acknowledgement was made of our 1957 Button Appeal effort and appreciation expressed to the Welfare Committee and Chief Petty Officers Mess for providing gifts for the children and entertaining them at Christmas parties.

1958 Button Appeal held at Albatross last August resulted in the sum of £70/2/0 being raised, a very commendable effort. Legacy children were entertained at the various parties held at Christmas time. Of the functions conducted throughout the year, the Chief Petty Officers Mess and the

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MOBILE PATROL REPORT

THE FOLLOWING ROUTINE REPORT WAS RECENTLY SUBMITTED BY THE MOBILE PATROL.

- 2100: Rounds carried out in the Living Area, a small fire was found in the rear end of Phillip Block. Found no need to report same as the fire was not large enough. Should be satisfactory by the next rounds.
- 2130: Fire observed in the Living Area from the Guardhouse.
- 2145: Rang fire alarm after due consideration.
- 2200: On making inspection of the Main Stores, we found a small van parked outside a door that had been forced. On entering the Stores we found three masked men removing various Main Stores items. The Duty Storeman seemed to be sleeping like a log, owing to the fact that he had an axe protruding from his head. (Found nothing suspicious).
- 2215: On making rounds of the Galley, we found the Duty Cook lying prone on the foot-path surrounded by empty plonk bottles. Presumed fainted. No evidence of drunkenness was found.
- 2230: Rounds with the Duty Security Officer. This officer was presumed to be a new officer on the camp, as he carried out his rounds as laid down in the book.
- 2245: Rounds of the Pay Office. Found the Duty Writer opening the safe with a stick of gellignite. On questioning him he said that he had lost the keys to the safe and was only opening the safe to get some money. It seemed a natural thing to do, so we left him to his task.
- 2300: Rounds of the Pig Farm. We found a small truck backed into the loading-ramp. The driver seemed to be having trouble loading the pigs due to the darkness, so we immediately lent a hand. On completion of the loading he thanked us and said that it was the easiest job he had pulled in years. He then said that we will probably hear from the skipper in the morning about a job well done. He then drove away without using lights, saying that he did not want to disturb anybody at the Guardhouse, which was considered most thoughtful.
- 2330: On doing rounds of the Engineering Block, an Officer was found to be writing letters. On questioning him as to his reason for being in the block, he said, that driving in from Nowra and using Naval ink to write letters, he saved at least 2d. a letter, which is sound economics.
- 0010: Rounds of the T/S. On entering, we found three men in there sending radio messages to Russia. On questioning them we could not get any sense out of them as they could not speak a word of English, but from their lingo we gathered that they were sending messages about Doc Spouse's selections for the next eight races at Randwick, and the date of Jackie Stone's fleet footed swy game. All players are advised to wear running shoes. As there seemed to be nothing unusual about their actions we left our comrades to it.
- 0030: Round of the Hangars. On approaching the MAG Hangar we found fuel running from under the doors. On investigating we found Naval Airman Fire Bug jettisoning all tip tanks and about to set fire to the fuel. On questioning him, he said that he was only warming up the Hangar for the boys when they came back from leave, which we considered a very nice thought and should be done more often in the service.
- 0200: Received phone call from the Duty Bedding S/A, who said that there was a big fire in the Bedding Store. We said that he was very lucky and that we only had a radiator, and then hung up the phone.
- 0215: After fifteen minutes of continual phone calls from the Duty Bedding S/A we decided to go down and take advantage of the big

warm fire. We found that the Bedding S/A was wrong in his statement, as there was definitely a big fire but no Bedding Store.

0300: After a very boring night we were relieved by the Duty RPO and locked up. As the fellow in the Pig Farm said, we will see the Skipper in the morning.

White Ensign Club

In the last few weeks, the White Ensign Club has had a face lift. Completely repainted inside and partly refurbished outside, the club is brighter and more attractive than ever.

Under these circumstances, it was unfortunate that the Minister of the Navy was unable to visit the Club, as originally scheduled, during his recent visit.

Recent drafting activity has installed a lot of new faces at Albatross and we recommend all new arrivals to join the White Ensign Club. For a modest £1 a year, the club offers a first class bar, attractive lounge, T.V., light meals and accommodation.

ON YOUR NEXT RUN ASHORE HEAD FOR THE WHITE ENSIGN CLUB.

M.A.G. BLUES

10 proud Gannets
All doing fine,
One got twisted
Then there were 9.

9 Fairey Gannets
Mourning for their mate,
One cracked a mainplane
Leaving us with 8.

8 A/S Gannets
Wish there were eleven,
Ailerons defective
Now there are 7.

7 little Gannets
Left to do their tricks,
Mast hit a tail plane
Down to only 6.

6 unhappy Gannets
Will the rest survive?
Who will prang the next one
Leaving only 5.

Legacy and Its Work — Continued from Page 13

Boxing each raised over £100. The Chief Petty Officers Mess was presented with a Certificate of Adoption by the President of the Nowra Contact Group.

It is important that each serviceman understands the significance of Legacy and is imbued with the spirit behind it.

A. F. SLADE, SUB. LIEUTENANT,
H.M.A.S. "Albatross" Contact Officer.
Nowra Legacy Contact Group.

Around The Village

The Naval Wives' Club will be holding a Games Afternoon on Thursday, 30th July in the Village Hall commencing at 2 p.m. Admission is 1/- and afternoon tea will be served for 3d. Trophies may be won. An invitation is extended to all wives.

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The next Village Welfare Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12th August.

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The Village is keeping up its reputation for regular additions of fine healthy children — the latest are a daughter to the Tuckerfields of Waterhen Street, and sons to the Roebucks of Yarra Drive and the Wedds of Waterhen Street. Congratulations to all parents concerned.

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The Housie on Friday evenings is booming and there are fortunes to be made. Ask Mrs. Hennings, who had a monopoly of the jackpots last Friday evening. Mr. Salway asks us to assure villagers that this makes no difference to the standing financial arrangements in the Village Store, however.

Introducing: Diary of a Social Worker

(BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

We have been a bit puzzled about what a Social Worker does for work. Take our Naval Social Worker, Miss Thompson, for example — on sunny days she may be seen wandering in leisurely fashion through the Village; on more than one occasion she has been seen drinking cups of tea and talking animatedly with wives in the Village; she has been seen playing table tennis with members of the Navy Wives Club; the Officer of the Watch reports that she was last seen to-day heading for one of the more attractive seaside resorts in one of the Pusser's vehicles . . .

We ask: Is she just social? Does she work?

With a view to finding answers to these questions, your correspondent interviewed Miss Thompson. He found her in her office, writing busily in her Diary and invited her to submit the Diary to "Slipstream" for publication. But Miss T., looking somewhat alarmed, hastily hid it under a sheaf of Daily Orders and tried to pretend that she did not know it was there.

An so your Staff Correspondent was forced to look further afield for answers to his probing questions.

And then he found it — the revelation of the Century. With ingenuity which you will commend, he unearthed the historic document, "Diary of a Social Worker," which we present to our readers with some pride.

Here is the human-interest story you have been waiting for: intriguing, revealing and documentary.

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We have the author's assurance that authentic and uncensored though this account is, it does not refer to any naval personnel, their wives or families, past present or future, at home, at sea, or abroad.

Read the first dramatic instalment of "Diary of a Social Worker" in next month's issue of "Slipstream."

Our Minor Local Industries — by Monty

(WITH APOLOGIES)

HELLO, BOYS! This is Miss De-Meanour (Veronica to you) writing to tell you all about the Bominjerry Milk Factory which, as you all know, is the big brick building near the sly groggery and swy school at the rear of the Bominjerry Police Station.

Well, before you can start a milk factory you must obviously have some milk . . . or a little bit anyway; and this is obtained from the factory's own herd of prize hybrid cows, all of which seem to bear different brands or trade marks and are grazed on the choicest feed by opening farmers' and market gardeners' gates after sundown. This regular intake is supplemented by contributions from casual suppliers who milk the local farmers' cows when they are asleep . . . I mean the farmers, not the cows!

After the milk is separated from the cows by a sort of squeezing process, it is again separated and all cream and butterfat removed. The wet part of the milk is enriched by adding high protein chalk dust and water and is then piped to the storage tanks, which are old 44 gallon drums, in the Bottle Department.

The bottles, which are supplied by special skirmishing parties operating in Married Quarters and Bominjerry after the milk money is put out, are first of all washed hygienically in the horse trough, and are then filled by a scientific syphoning process. This is done by girls who suck on the end of a rubber hose, the other end of which is inserted in the storage tanks, until the milk runs freely and the bottles are so filled.

Carefully designed drip trays catch any spillage and return it to the tanks, so there is no wastage. After filling, the bottles are topped as necessary under the tap and are then conveyed by wheel-barrow to the capping machine. This is a most ingenious device which cuts old ice-cream cartons and gash cardboard from discarded cigarette packets, etc., into little discs and presses them into the tops of the bottles, thus forming an effective seal. The thick part of the milk, which was left over after the separating process, is mixed with fat from the boiling down works and made into butter; yellow water-paint first being added to lend colour and richness. The butter is moulded into one pound and half-pound blocks, wrapped, labelled and then sold to "Albatross."

Dry milk, which is separated from specially selected dry cows, is conveyed to the packing room where quantities of best quality fine white sand are added for roughage. The powder is then weighed and packed in cardboard containers disguised to look like tin. Except for the girls who shovel it in with their bare hands, the process is entirely automatic and most hygienic.

I found the condensed milk section most interesting. As you all know, condensed milk is only ordinary milk with some of the wet part evaporated and sugar added. At Bominjerry this is obtained direct from the cows by seating them in a Turkish-bath for two hours before milking. The resultant sweating process reduces the milk to the correct consistency and saves considerable time and production costs. There are twelve of these Turkish-baths in a row, and in order to expedite the dehydrating process, the cows are compelled to listen to recordings of the Parliamentary debate on the Naval Vote or to progress reports on the Allison Committee.

After separation from the cows, the condensed milk is sweetened and then blended with other condensed milk, which is purchased cheaply from an anonymous local source. The finished product is then packed in the empty cans, but not until they have been through a special machine which removes any little blemishes like broad arrows, anchors or the initials "D.D." which stand for someone or other whose name I just

can't recall, although the Manager did tell me. The cans are then sealed, labelled and also sold to "Albatross," where they seem to use an awful lot of dry and condensed milk. Perhaps that is because they are dry land sailors, or else "Albatross" is a dry ship!

Oh, and by the way, the Manager asked me to say that any of you boys, except the Pusser and Regulating Staff, will be welcome to inspect the factory whenever you happen to be passing that way. Just ring Bom-in-jerry 37; but, whatever you do, don't mix it up with my number which is Bom-in-jerry 59, at any old time, day or night.

Yours to a rock 'n' roll!

VERONICA (MISS) DE-MEANOUR.

NOWRA HILL — 140 YEARS AGO

In October, 1819, Surveyor-General John Oxley visited Shoalhaven and Jervis Bay in the small vessel "Emmaline."

In his diary, in descriptions concerning the country near the junction of the Milton and Jervis Bay Roads, he writes:—

"DATE 15th OCTOBER, 1819 — We fell in with five natives, who were friends of our guide, Broughton, and at his request, they joined us and when we had recrossed the waterfall, guided us to a high conical forest hill, being the highest of the tract of country lying between Shoalhaven River and Jervis Bay, the country in its immediate neighbourhood, better clothed with grass, heavily timbered, the soil a stiff mould, with abundance of Indigofera and various species of Accacias. On top of this hill was a native tomb, decorated with boughs; Broughton informed us it contained an infant daughter of his.

— Captain Cook's Pigeon House and Early South Coast Exploration.

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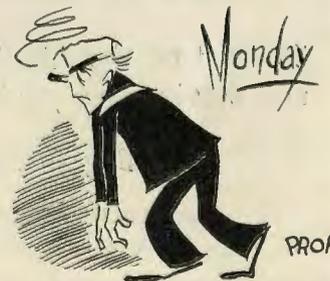
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Pusser's Page

STEWARDS AND COOKS(O)

We welcome home the M.A.G. Stewards and Cooks(O) and hope their journey was a pleasant one.

Over the last few weeks drafting and forecasting has been swift, finishing yesterday with a surprise crash draft for "Punchy" Parsons to H.M.A.S. Quickmatch. We wish him luck, and hope that some day he will retrieve his car.

At this stage we wish to welcome all new hands and say goodbye to those who have passed on to other establishments. It's a funny thing that during their time here Stewards Connelly and Foster found it hard to smile. If you didn't see them the day they left you missed something, believe me, Smiling from ear to ear they were! They have a surprise coming in one of our Carriers.

The best of luck to Steward Vesper, and it is hoped he will soon have his fiancé out here.

From now on we must develop our green fingers because grass WILL grow around our huts, and forcing it up is next month's job.

Goodbye for now.

S.A.(V)'S AND BUTCHERS

The staff of the Victualling yard extends a warm and cordial greeting to Sub.Lt. Slade who has taken over the Rationing and Starving Department.

We hope no-one wants the Duty S.A. (V) on Saturday, 1st August. There is a party at Westmead for the S.A.(V)'s to celebrate the engagement of "Tojo" Wood. Another S.A.(V) goes down the aisle at Xmas.

A noticeable change in the demeanour of the staff in the Haberdashery Department took place on Wednesday, 22nd July at the approximate departure time of the afternoon train.

It is said that as the train moved off one could hear the strains of that ever popular melody "Nursie."

It has not yet been ascertained whether the change was caused by relief or dejection.

I fear that sooner or later representatives from Sadler Wells ballet will be scouting around our department. However our two dancing students hasten to assure me that they are not quite up to the standard required by Sadler Wells.

S.A.(S)

If anyone wants to see just how an office SHOULD look for Admirals', take a peek at the Main Stores Office. Interior decor was thought up by Stores Chief Hall and executed during the leave period under the expert guidance of S.A. (Michelangelo) Sloper.

Customers will be glad to know that they no longer have to take their 156 to the Rugby pitch to get an issue from S.P.O. Henderson or S.A. Lewis. These two stars are now back in harness after having covered themselves with honour in the Navy XV which beat the other Services.

S.A. "Stirling Moss" Reed is now known as Towaway Ted since some hard hearted gendarme removed his car from outside a place of refreshment on the very first day of leave.

Difficult to keep up with all the new faces around as Manning seem to have been having a field day in the last few weeks. To show how deep they have dug into their In baskets — S.A. Morgan is on draft.

WRITERS

Two members of our Branch, always eager to set new records and to attempt to improve the "getting home to distant places more often situ-

ation," can definitely state that Brisbane and return can be done on a Short Week-end. They do advise however, that departure from Sydney should be made earlier than they did, but add, that time should be no barrier since the Commander, always willing to be helpful will grant extensions — at the usual rates of course.

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DO YOU KNOW . . .

What is the Cause of Pain in the Side or Stitch?

A number of theories have been advanced to account for stitch, but so far it has not been possible to prove or disprove any one of them by practical experiment. The most acceptable theory yet put forward is that stitch is due to spasm either of a small part of the diaphragm or of a localized part of the intercostal muscles.

The spasm is probably caused by a change in the reaction of the tissue fluids brought about by exercise. Muscle tissue fluids are normally slightly alkaline in reaction, but during severe exercise they may become acid. The sensory nerve endings are not sensitive to slight changes in reaction but if the circulation in any region of the body becomes deficient during exercise, a local accumulation of acid substances occurs which overstimulates the sensory nerve endings in the muscles of that region and probably gives rise to pain.

The reason why the pain appears to originate from the upper part of the anterior abdominal wall is that the nerve supplying the diaphragm and the abdominal wall are connected anatomically. When pain, originating in one part of the body, is felt in another part of the body on the same side, it is known as referred pain. This is an example of reflex mechanism.

A stitch is less likely to occur in persons who are in training because the compensatory chemical changes in the blood act more rapidly and effectively than in untrained man, whose diaphragm is unaccustomed to perform rapid movements necessary for breathing during strenuous activity.

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A Letter Worth Reading

For the head of every family or organization, it is often necessary to issue some form of correction or address to all those under his charge. So it happens that on occasions the Pope issues an Encyclical Letter — Encyclical from the Greek word for circular — to be distributed throughout the world. Pope John has recently written the first letter of his reign and it is a document which all could read with much profit. It is certain to make a deep impression on all who read it with good will.

Devoted to the theme of the TRUTH, the letter begins by pointing out that lack of respect of truth is the source of all evils effecting individuals, families and nations. For where there is no truth there must of course be error and confusion, which "pass into the very blood-stream of human society and turn everything upside down." This state of affairs should never come about, says the Pope, because God endowed man with a capacity and a desire to seek out the truth, and he can fail to do so only through lack of interest, laziness, or wickedness of mind. He points out that Truths revealed by God are available to all men, and to reject these truths is to endanger the very foundations of goodness and civilization. He insists that all men remember that the dignity of humanity demands that progress in the moral sphere does not lag behind progress in any other field, and in this scientific age, as in any other age, the Eternal Truths are still the most important factors that can engage the mind of man.

Crudely summarised here, this letter is written in a style that is typical of the warmth and human feeling of its author. For all that it does not hesitate to speak strongly where occasion demands, and dealing as it does with one of the basic foundations of society which has been taken too much for granted, the occasion is not lacking. The Pope says in the letter that he feels that he can appeal to all men, no matter what their race or colour may be. It is hoped that many will listen with the attention this inspiring letter deserves.

F. LYONS.

How to Ensure Against Nervous Ailments

That anxiety, worry, fear, frustration and bewilderment are widespread in our day is commonplace. Mental maladjustment, emotional instability, psycho-neuroses, of a mild or serious character abound. What is the cause, and what is the remedy?

We have heard and read much from the Freudians of the danger of inhibiting and repressing the instincts, drives, and urges of our nature. What is not so readily recognised, or is denied is that we can become physically and mentally ill because we refuse to face that fact that we have high desires, moral and spiritual needs in addition to material ones. In nearly all the cases of nervous trouble with which the Chaplain comes in contact, he finds that the sufferers have neglected their spiritual needs by ignoring the fact that God made fellowship with Himself a basic requirement of our human nature. Looking back over his work as a counsellor, Dr. Jung once said "During the past thirty years, people from all the civilised countries of the earth have consulted me. I have treated many hundreds of patients, the larger number being Protestants, a smaller number Jews, and not more than five or six believing Catholics. Among all my patients in the second half of life — that is to say, over thirty-five — there has not been one whose problem in the last resort

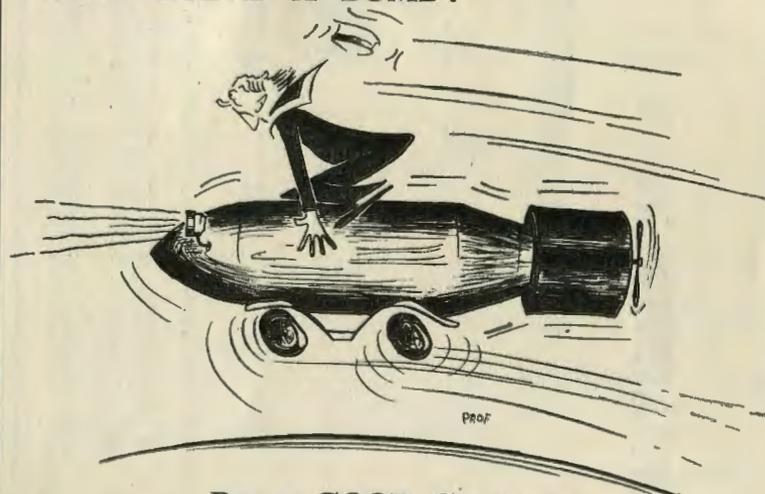
was not that of finding a religious outlook on life. It is safe to say that every one of them fell ill because he had lost that which the living religions of every age have given to their followers, and none of them has been really healed who did not regain his religious outlook."

The sickness of modern man's mind, no less than the sin of his soul, is due to the fact that he has turned his back upon his Maker, and has sought to find his satisfaction in His gifts and not in the Giver of Life Himself.

The root cause, therefore it would seem, of many of our maladies to-day is not so much that we are repressing our primitive urges in order that we may become and behave like civilised beings, and that in the process we are the unwilling and unwitting victims of our own unconscious, but it is that, since we are not merely animals, we never can be content with animal satisfactions, however refined and civilised they may become. We are the children of God, meant for fellowship with Him; so long as we reject and repress this truth there can be no health in us.

(BY CHAPLAIN J. A. WILLSON R.A.N.)

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Sporting Notes

RUGBY UNION

Since the last issue of Slipstream there has been no Dempster Cup matches played owing to the leave period and the Inter-Service Rugby Union which is being played at Richmond. Albatross had 11 players in the training squad and 7 of them made the Navy side which defeated the Army 28-6 and we were unlucky not to have had at least 2 more in the side.

The Navy has a poor record in the Inter-Service Union, but this year it looks the best Navy team for a long time and we appear certain winners of the series. The Navy side improved considerably on its display here against the Teacher's College and under the leadership of Bruce Burns they ran the Army into the ground. Lt. Dalton amazed spectators in the first half with his goal-kicking which was the best ever seen at Richmond. The front row of Jim Duncombe, George Lewis and Tom Tucker, is probably one of the Navy's best ever combinations.

The semi-finals of the interpart union will be played shortly, the top 5 teams being Executive, Electrical, Supply, 725 Squadron and Air Department.

SOCCER

Despite a couple of instances of cupid having invaded the ranks and the relentless passing of time amongst the medical and air weapons members of the first team, Albatross has continued to slay every team played so far this season.

In the Eastern Command League Albatross has won all of nine games played scoring 52 goals for a total of 5 against. The 18 points gained as a result, keeps us at the top of the League, though closely followed by School of Military Engineering with 16 points from ten games. Harris and Bailey still head the list of goal scorers with 24 and 14 respectively, the remainder being fairly apportioned between the supporting cast. Worthy of note is the continued success of the goal scoring half back line though this fact is not often mentioned. The burly Walters is temporarily reduced to the role of linesman due to an injured foot, and with the exception of Steemson, whose leg continues to play up, we appear to be clear of the sick list at last.

In the Showers Trophy the reserves played well to beat Watson 1st team 3-2 at Middle Head in the 1st Round but were up against a better team in the 2nd round when Penguin won 6-0. Also in the 2nd round the 1st team trounced Destroyers by 7 goals to nil, Cummsky and Sargeson between them netting the lot. In the semi-finals of the Showers Trophy Penguin play Nirimba and Albatross play the winners of Creswell and Watson Reserves. All second round games have been watched by Navy Inter-Service Selectors and a team was selected to represent the Combined Sydney establishments and Fleet to play Albatross which game will have been played by the time this article is read.

The reserves had a good 2-1 win against Bulli Surf F.C. in a friendly game during the month and the first team, ably assisted by others of the reserves, drew 2-2 with Bulli's first team. It is very pleasing to see the success of these week-end friendly games and they draw a good roll up of spectators.

The inter part Semi-finalists have turned out as expected. Electrical and Executive are there and Air Department have quietly forced themselves into third position. 724 have to play 725 Squadron to decide the fourth member.

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

Once again Albatross scored an easy win at the expense of Destroyers and Frigates. Final scores being 15-11 (101) Albatross to Destroyers and Frigates 5-1 (31).

Although a few players showed the effects of a fortnight leave Albatross were never in danger of being defeated.

"Nobby" Clarke at full-back took off the honours and was unbeatable all day.

Captain-Coach Ralph Turner and rover Ron Keay were tireless as usual; two very sterling performances.

Ray Stivey at the pivot, still recovering from the effects of a hard game in Sydney on the week-end, still continued to give his best.

Col Mason and Bill Dunlop gave Albatross the majority of the ball from the rucks all day.

Full forward Geoff Beardsley in devastating form scored 8 majors to increase his score for the season to 65.

Goal Kickers: Beardsley 8, Farquher 2, Keay 2, Taylor 1, Cooper 1, McNamara 1.

With the return of the M.A.G. the team has been strengthened by players such as Max Wilson, Allan Mignon, Clem Conlan and Max Best, all first rate footballers.

We also extend our congratulations to Ralph Turner and Ron Keay on being selected in the N.S.W. State Team to play Subiaco (Perth) at Trumper Park on August 9.

Albatross can look forward to being well represented in the Army-Navy game at Trumper Park, Sunday, 2nd August.

The following ratings have been selected in the Navy training squad: LAM Harris, LAM Beardsley, LEM Mason, LAM Dunlop, LAM Wilcox, NA Stivey, NA Turner, EM Clarke, SA Reilly.

BASKETBALL

Since our last issue the game has progressed as far as the Semi-finals in the Interpart games and the present series should end up with exciting and fast play. It is hoped the finals may be played on the new court in D Hangar, which has been made available.

Both teams are still on top in the civilian competition with the second team so far undefeated which is commendable as most of the team are playing their first season of Basketball. The first squad were defeated by a much improved Surf Team when they last met, but should turn the tables in our next encounter as we have the services of Max Altham and Ray Walker (P.T.I.), who have joined from "Melbourne."

Players displaying great improvements in recent games include Athol Laing and Peter Clarke in the first squad, with Bushe-Jones, Les Shepherd, John Butler and Bice Kinross playing well with the second squad.

TABLE TENNIS

After the completion of seven games the Shoalhaven Shire Council team is winning one point from Albatross 2 while Albatross 1 is lower on the table having suffered three defeats.

The open tournament held in the Council Building proved to be very popular and the Navy was well represented amongst the thirty players who entered for the District Singles Championship. P.O. Merv, Willers proved to be our best prospect being narrowly defeated in the final by Bernie Nixon from Kangaroo Valley. The consolation singles was played off between two Albatross players with P.O. Ted Silsby defeating P.O. Herringe.

The organising committee hope to arrange an evening in the School of Arts on Wednesday, 9th September when visiting champions will give exhibitions.

Any players wishing to join the team contact L/AM Michan.

ALBATROSS SOCCER TEAM



Back Row: Bennett, Lt.Cdr. Caws, Shergold, Bolden, Surg.Lt. Thompson, Richards. Front Row: Sargerson, Bailey, Harris, Cole, Urdez. Absent: Walters, Steemson, Williams, Payne, Spratt, Wright.

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HOCKEY

With the return of the M.A.G., the Hockey Club has gained the services of a number of players and consequently the lot of the selectors has not been an easy one. Nevertheless over the leave period, the team was not at its strongest and suffered its first defeat at the hands of Bulli in a game marred by incidents. The following match, only seven players could be mustered, but a 2-0 win was registered against St. Michael's No. 2 team even though the services of E.A. Brown were lost due to injury.

Since leave, one match against A.I. & S. has been played and ended in a 3-2 win for the ship's team. At time of going to press, the next game in Wollongong is against Bulli, our most formidable rivals. Albatross is leading the competition and a win over Bulli would put us in a very strong position.

On Sunday, 19th July, a social match was played at Albatross against the Sydney club, Gordon-Wahroonga, whom we defeated 5-4, and last Thursday, the team travelled to Creswell to play the Cadet Midshipmen. Experience told over youth and fitness and the Station side won an enjoyable game 7-2.

BOXING

L.E.M. Brian Smith, N.S.W. featherweight champion, fought Victoria's unofficial featherweight champion Les McClean over 12 rounds at Melbourne Stadium last Friday, 24th July. Smith was unfortunately defeated, suffering a T.K.O. in the 3rd round.

ATHLETICS

There has been little or no activity in the Athletic Club since Mid-winter leave. Our team did not fare so well at Goulburn in the State Relays owing to some of our members being required for duty. We were placed fourth in the country section which was won by the Illawarra Club.

However, we are very confident of doing well in the cross-country championships in Sydney this week-end. E.A. Barratt who has a slight leg injury, but otherwise fit, should show up very well and may well win his first silver medallion.

A date to look forward to is Wednesday, 26th August, when the Inter-Part Cross-Country Championships will be held over the three-mile Nowra Hill course.

Meanwhile training will take place twice weekly, Tuesday and Thursday evenings after secure. The track season opens in September. Now is the time to start a building-up programme if you intend competing in the summer. We welcome all new-comers to our ranks and especially M.A.G. personnel recently returned. If interested in joining Albatross A.A.C. contact Secretary, Frank McCaffrey in the Canteen.

GOLF

Albatross Golf players were well represented in the Nowra Golf Club Championships when the following players qualified in the various grades: A Grade: Wingy O'Shea, Ned Kelly, C. Humphrey, L. McCulloch and J. Dunn. Of these Wingy O'Shea has won his way to the final and will play off with the local Nowra Champ.

Seen on the links: Well known in other sports and keen to make a name in Golf: Brian Smith.

Well represented at the moment is S.A.M.(E) — These boys say they will take the Electrical Section any time. (Make and mend hint).

REWARD (Large amount). Jackie Dunn will pay anyone capable of correcting his driving technique (Golf).

GOOD TRICK. P. Humphrey seen falling from a truck clutching his well won prize of a cup and saucer and although his knees were battered his prize was intact.

REMINDER: Visitors to Nowra Golf Club must be signed in by a Nowra Club member. A good golfer should know golf etiquette and rules; a knowledge can often save you precious strokes.

R.A.N. Game Fishing Club

Undaunted by winter winds and steepish seas, the Game Fishing Club has continued its activities over the past few months. It is true that on occasions, some members have been observed to lay down their lines and lean for long periods over the leeward side of the boat, but it is presumed that they were making a close study of marine life. Game fish are not active at this time of the year, but there have been some good catches of flathead, morwong and red fish, as well as teraglin and kingfish.

On 16th July, A.W.B. 436 sailed for Garden Island for refit. She is due back in early September and is expected to be in first class shape for the summer season. Intending members are advised to join now. The initial subscription is £2/10/0 and for this you get the use of a really first class boat and over £100 worth of fishing gear. Lieutenant Commanders Salthouse or Harvey are the people to see.

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SPORTSMAN OF THE MONTH

"BLUE" STIVEY

N.A.1 (A) R. D. STIVEY was born at Subiaco, Western Australia, in March, 1929.

At an early age "Blue" became interested in sport mainly through family environment, as his father, a good sportsman, was lightweight boxing champion of Western Australia and his grandfather was an outstanding footballer and athlete.

In his final year at Nedlands School "Blue" became captain of school Cricket and Australian Football Teams, as well as winner of the 100 yards and 220 yards school sprinting championships.

After leaving school our sportsman worked for a period in a shipyard and then joined the R.A.N. in February, 1948. Upon completing recruit school "Blue" was lucky in being selected as an Air Mechanic, and proceeded to U.K. in June, 1948, to undergo training at Gamecock and Lossiemouth.

"Blue" returned to Australia in 1950 and after a short time at "Albatross", was drafted to R.A.A.F. Station Pt. Cook. Whilst in Victoria "Blue" won the Pt. Cook Snooker Championship, represented the R.A.N. in the Inter Service Sports (Vic.) Athletics, in the 100 yards, 220 yards and relays, also he was one of the 25 selected in Geelong's Australian Football training squad, the year they became premiers; but before the season commenced he was drafted back to Nowra.

Prior to having a cartilage removed from his knee during 1957, "Blue" achieved the following honours:— Each year from 1951 until 1957 he won the "Albatross" 100 yards and 220 yards championships and represented at the Inter Service Sports (N.S.W.) at these events as well as the relays. He also represented New South Wales at Australian Football in 1954 against Queensland playing at Brisbane and later at Sydney.

After the game in 1955 when N.S.W. played Broken Hill, "Blue" was selected as the best positional player and received an invitation from the Fitzroy "Scouts" to play with their Australian Football Team. Again in 1956 he represented N.S.W. in the game against Tasmania played at Sydney.

During the same year he was captain of the Navy Inter Service (N.S.W.) Australian Football Team, captain of the Combined Services Team and a member of the Navy Inter Service Rugby Union team.

After 2 years out of active sport due to his injury "Blue" is making a "comeback" and so far this year is a member of the unbeaten Albatross Australian Football Team and is also vice-captain of the Sydney Naval Team which plays first grade of a week-end.

However, after an impressive sporting career our sportsman feels the best years of sport are behind him, and he is gaining experience in Interpart Sport as an Australian Football Umpire, in which capacity he hopes to keep in close contact with the game which has given him so much enjoyment.

ALBATROSS CROSSNUMBER

COMPOSED BY L. D. COHEN

The usual prize of £3 will be awarded to the author of the first correct solution opened. Entries to Lieutenant Commander Harvey, Main Stores Office, by 1200, Friday, 7th August.

My Rugby club has just completed a very successful season. The club's property consists of a dressing room, a new pavilion and a club house. During the season our captain was named and the playing members each contributed equally to a present for him. The captain failed to convert any tries this season (he has only converted one try during his playing career). In fact, none of the first XV backs has made a successful conversion this season, yet all the tries scored by forwards were goaled. No forward kicked a penalty goal. The wedding present for the captain was paid for with a bank note and a penny exactly. The number of 1st XV matches is a prime number which equals the number of tries scored by the captain and squared gives the total points scored for the club by all teams. The number of points scored by the captain in the whole of his playing career equals the number of points scored by the XV this season. The age of the chairman of the selectors, whose father is the oldest club member, is given by the square root of the year in which the captain was born and the square of the number of points scored by the captain this season equals the receipts from gate money this season in pence.

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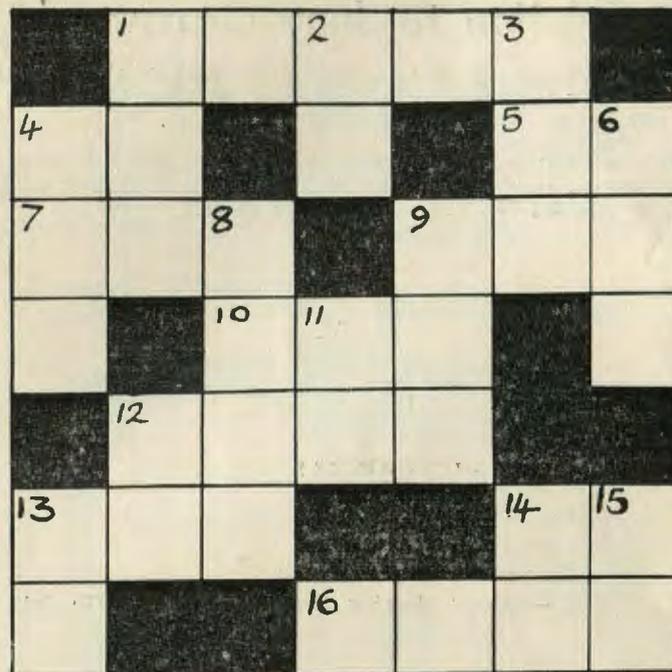


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ACROSS

1. Receipt from gate money this season in pence.
4. Number of playing members in the club.
5. Age of the club's oldest member in years.
7. Points scored by the Captain this season.
9. Combined area in square yards of the dressing room and pavilion.
10. Total area of club property in square yards.
12. Points scored for the club by all teams this season.
13. Points scored by the Captain in the whole of his playing career.
14. Number of years since club's oldest member "hung up his boots."
16. Cost of players wedding present to Captain in pence.

DOWN

1. Average weight in pounds of 1st XV forward.
2. Number of 1st XV matches this season.
3. Area of rectangular dressing room in square yards.
4. Points scored by the 1st XV back division this season.
6. Area of the new pavilion in square yards.
8. Year in which the Captain was born.
9. Area of the club house in square yards.
11. Age in years of the Captain's dear old granny.
12. Length of the dressing room in yard.
13. Age of the chairman of the selectors (in years).
14. Value of the cheque presented to captain's bride as a wedding present from the club (in pounds).
15. Width of the dressing room in yards.

(This puzzle can be solved by deduction, simple arithmetic, and a knowledge of the scoring in Rugby Union.

Solution to June Crossword

ACROSS: 1 Combat; 4 Florin; 8 Lasted; 10 Served; 11 Lists; 12 Eris;
14 Rail; 15 Continual; 17 Trumpeters; 20 Awry; 21 Data; 22 Feast;
24 Veneer; 25 Yachts; 26 Dwells; 27 Regret.

DOWN: 1 Colder; 2 Mystic; 3 Abel; 5 Lies; 6 Reveal; 7 Nodule; 9 Dis-
temper; 10 Standeasy; 13 Sorry; 14 Raged; 16 Carved; 17 Trance;
18 Rasher; 19 Basset; 22 Feel; 23 Tame.



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