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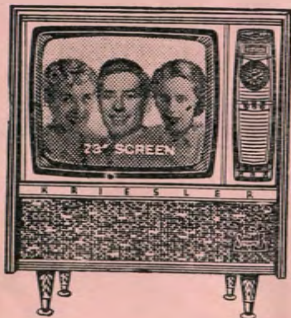
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EDITORIAL

THIS MONTH is the anniversary of the ending of the war against Japan, when in August, 1945, after the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Japanese surrendered unconditionally. Sixteen years later, the anniversary has hardly caused a ripple, despite the fact that this was the end of a long, bitter struggle for survival. On the 31st of this month we celebrate the anniversary of the commissioning of *Albatross* in 1948.

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Congratulations go to Captain T. K. Morrison O.B.E., D.S.C., R.A.N., who is to become Deputy Chief of Naval Staff early next year.

His successor, Captain J. S. Mesley M.V.O., D.S.C., R.A.N., at present the Captain of H.M.A.S. *Penguin*, will take up his appointment on 5th January, 1962.



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OUR COVER

The "Chopper" in another of its versatile roles.

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NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

"Slipstream" says farewell to Nobby Hall, our popular Business Manager, this month. The sound finances of the magazine and a great deal of incentive have come from the energy that Sub. Lieutenant H. A. L. Hall has put into this station venture. Good luck to him in his next commission. Our new Business Manager is Wardmaster Sub. Lieut. C. Andrews who has volunteered for this exacting task.

TENSION IN ALEX

FEW AUSTRALIAN or British naval men with the fleet that lay in Alexandria Harbour during the tense days of July 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1940, would have doubted then that the Divine Being was watching over them there. For it required only the wave of the Devil's hand for the whole harbour and city to have become a roaring conflagration.

France had been over-run by the mighty Nazi war machine and the French, under Nazi direction, had ordered all commanders of French warships lying in Allied ports to clear out or scuttle their ships. Two submarines, at least two 8 inch and four 6 inch gun cruisers and the 12 inch gun battleship "Lorraine" lay anchored within a few hundred yards of the British Eastern Mediterranean Fleet. The British force comprised the 1st Battle Squadron, 7th Cruiser Squadron, aircraft carrier "Eagle" and destroyers. Australia's cruiser "Sydney" and her famed "Scrap Iron Flotilla" of destroyers were there also (Stuart, Waterhen, Voyager, etc.).

Late on the night of July 3, down in H.M.A.S. "Sydney's" half-deck, a number of senior chiefs and petty officers were issued with pistols and ammunition.

Their curiosity soon changed to high excitement when the commander informed them they were Special Boarding Party and were to stand-by and help take over the French ships. At 0715 next morning "Sydney's" loud speakers called the boarding party and sounded off Action Stations. Within a few minutes and with their targets pre-selected, all guns of the entire British force were trained on the French ships at point-blank range — not more than 400 yards distant! But, the French guns had trained on to the British, also!

To our party already on its way over to one of the French ships, this, definitely, was going to be the works. And the burning question in our minds? What sort of a reception were the "froggies" going to dish out—jets of superheated steam, a hosing with boiling water, or just simple slugs of lead?

But the question wasn't to be answered so soon. Italian bombers appeared from apparently nowhere and began to plaster the fleets with heavy bombs. The terrific barrage thrown up by the fleets' A.A. guns and the shore batteries over on Ras-el-Tin was almost hypnotic. R.A.F. fighters destroyed six of the raiders. It was interesting to note that few French ships opened up on the Italians, but during the ensuing days not one fired to repel hostile aircraft.

And now, kept alert by the menacing bores of the gaping French guns, it is certain that not one seaman in that British fleet ever had a more nerve-wracking vigil than the next 48 hours.

No imagination was needed to picture the inferno the city and harbour would be if hundreds of shells from 4 inch to 15 inch calibre were let loose.

At 1045 the Commander-in-Chief (Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham) made the following message to the French ships:

"The British Admiral does not wish to sink your ships. Why sacrifice your lives uselessly fighting against a superior force? We regret what has happened as much as you do. We ask only that your ships shall be put into a non-seagoing state, because if they leave harbour they may fall into the hands of the enemy. Transport to take you back to France are arriving shortly. Great Britain will continue to fight to destroy the Boches and Italians and re-establish France. It would be sad to fight amongst ourselves."

In mid-afternoon it was learned that a naval battle had been fought off the French African port of Oran between a powerful British force and the French ships there. Already they had twice refused to de-militarise or hand over their ships to England, despite the fact that once in German hands the ships would be used against their former Ally. However, appeals having proved of no avail, they had decided to fight and run for it. And, to us lying in the small harbour at Alexandria, the recent heavy French losses in ships and men was plenty to think about.

One French battleship and two cruisers were sunk, one battleship was left burning and it ran aground and the large battleship "Dunkerque," though hit by an aerial torpedo from a plane of aircraft carrier H.M.S. "Ark Royal," managed to make Toulon. Consequent upon this battle, whose smoke had hardly time to disperse, came this general signal from the Commander-in-Chief in the flagship, H.M.S. "Warspite":

"The situation is that the French were asked to de-militarise their ships in Oran, or take them to a French colonial port. This was done to avoid their falling into enemy hands, since the French are now largely powerless. As proposals were refused it became necessary to sink the ships which were by then trying to escape to sea. This was partially successful. We are faced here (Alexandria) with much the same situation. I am trying every possible means to avoid bloodshed, but we must all realise that we cannot go to sea to fight the Italians while French ships are lying here, who may sail in our absence for French ports, where they would fall into enemy hands. It is this that affects the affairs which tied my hands in my move to take the offensive against Italy in the last fortnight. This is a difficult situation for us all, but it must be cleared up so that we can get on with the war against the Italians and get to sea to exploit our successes of last week."

And so, by a miracle — maybe one of those miracles which only a straight forward British appeal can achieve — there was averted what could have been one of the most gory slaughters of World War II. Within the next twenty-four hours hasty negotiations on a very high level managed to smooth out this British-French affair without bloodshed. The French ships unloaded their ammunition, emptied oil fuel tanks and stripped the main working parts of their guns.

UNCONSCIOUS HUMOUR

EXCERPTS FROM AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL LOG

- 22/6/49. 0900. Flight of Furies airborne. Leader told to return if he did not like the weather.
0906. Flight of Furies landed.
17/4/52. 1003. Seafury 138 while taxiing down hard standing alongside "F" Hangar swung into side of hangar.
12/9/52. 1057. 808 Sq. ordered by Cdr. (Air) to scramble — 4 aircraft — only two available, 130 and 133.
13/1/53. 1400. Firefly 234 returned to base after reporting "sickly smell" in cockpit.
17/6/53. 1444. Seafury 753 landed with rough running engine — stopped on runway — Aircraft told to orbit.

THIS WAS FOUND ATTACHED TO THE AIR TRAFFIC LOG LAST JUNE:

0300. Navigation lights burning brightly.
0500. OOW weary but relief in sight.
0646. The sun has risen — relief must come soon.
0800. At last — off watch Zzzzzzzzzzz.

H.S.S. 1001 — INSPECTION HINTS

Last year you were Standards Still — now you are going to have Higher Standards Still — or are you? If you have any lingering doubts, try some of these little Wrinkles and put the outcome beyond question.

MESS GARDENS

If perhaps your Mess and Garden are not quite up to H.S.S. standard, why not plant a dense Japanese thorn hedge around it? It is very quick growing and should be practically impenetrable by the Inspection. Even if the Admiral succeeds in getting through, it is unlikely, after he has laughingly extricated himself, that he will bother to inspect the Mess.

FISH PONDS

There are some fine fish ponds around the Station, but have you thought of making one INSIDE your Mess? Just knock out a few floorboards, throw in a tank and a few plants and you have it. Even more fun, if you put it just inside the door at the darkest end of the Mess, there is every chance during Rounds of a really good laugh which should earn you a few marks.

DIVISIONS

Those who tried wearing a BOW tie last year have written to us from Holsworthy that it created an unforgettable impression. This time we recommend suede shoes as a sure fire way of ensuring that the Admiral stops for a chat with you.

STOREROOMS

These always look deadly dull and usually render the Inspecting Officer speechless. Try and capture a Department Store atmosphere with bargain counters, display cabinets and price tags on the goods; for example a neatly printed label "30 days Detention" on a pair of Binoculars would do a lot to break down customer resistance and would impress the Inspecting Officer.

WAGGAS

Good though they are, these buildings could be further improved by a Reception Desk, a few bell hops and "Do Not Disturb" signs on the door. Try and give the impression that you really care about the comfort of the guests.

HANGARS

A "Big Top" atmosphere is the thing to go for. If you have any athletic people get them to put on a high wire or trapeze act (if they are not athletic it will be even more fun). I am not sure just how this will go down with the Inspection Party, but it is certain to achieve its object of stopping them looking at the deck.

Follow the above simple hints and you may be sure that Albatross 1961 Inspection will be no ordinary one.

TALL STORY

"Talking of smooth landings," said the Senior Pilot, "a friend of mine was doing his first trip at night in a Firefly trainer with an Instructor in the back seat. He came in for his first landing and confidently turned in for a three pointer."

"Good Heavens!" said the Instructor, "That was perfect, I didn't feel a thing."

"Yes," said the pupil, "that's about the smoothest one I've ever done!" Then they turned off at the end of the runway and spun in.



"But Chief — it's not broken — only bent!"

The Battle of the Lawns and Shrubs

The records of this battle will never be found in the official history of the R.A.N. or in the Australian War Museum. Possibly this is due to the fact that we can't take a trick and that even the might of the R.A.N. cannot withstand the pressure of a determined contractor with a two ton excavator. That the battle is lost is of no concern, (that is if you don't own a garden anywhere on the station), the fact that it occurred at all, we sincerely hope will impress the Admiral during the forthcoming inspection.

The tactics employed by the enemy are reminiscent of Nazi Germany during World War II. First the Fifth Column, then the Blitzkreig, the whole campaign being Master-Minded by ACE the Civil Engineer.



ACE was approached by the Dept. of the Navy to install a new sewer and water main. His fifth column already installed in the Dept. of Works, supplied ACE with a map of the Air Station complete in every detail, showing not only the position of every building, but even describing meticulously such details as "grass," "lawns and shrubs," "flowers," etc. With this intelligence to hand it was a simple matter to send forth other fifth columnists to the Air Station disguised as surveyors and their assistants to plan each detail of the final assault. These people spent a great deal of time peering through Theodolites ostensibly measuring the fall of the ground, and consulting ACE's master plan. In fact, instead of measuring the fall of the ground, they were actually lining up the sewer and water main with various lawns, rose bushes and Charlie's sun dial. Why else would the surveyor be making 360 degree sweeps with his Theodolite before lining up on a "beaut" lawn or a standard rose bush.

The so called surveyor was quite put out when our guerillas went into action moving his pegs from the centre of a lawn to the centre of the road. But he easily overcame this minor action. If one of our guerillas shifted a peg from a rose bush to the middle of the road and then retired to his section saying, "That fixed his little caper," and at the same time, chuckling himself silly, another fifth columnist stealthily came around and replaced the peg in the rose bush. After a few weeks everybody became complacent because after all, once we left the pegs alone ACE appeared to have no more territorial claims on us. Rather like the Munich crisis in 1938.

Then without any more warning than Poland received in 1939 it was upon us. The Blitzkreig. With trucks dumping pipes and sand onto various lawns, a huge Engine of War lumbered over the border past the O.O.W. (who, I understand has not yet been court-martialled) and proceeded to the sewerage farm, where it commenced tearing up huge sections of turf and casting them aside, then burying the turves under the huge amounts of clay that the cavernous maw of the War Engine scraped out of the



ground. This initial assault took everyone by surprise, that is, almost everyone. (Is he a fifth columnist?) After only one week and all was chaos. Our Commanding Officer was made to walk the last few yards to his office and to make a simple journey by road from the Tower to the Admin. Block involved making detours of up to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile via "A" Hangar. By night with the trenches across the road left craftily unlit, C.P.O.'s were known to have ridden bicycles into them and even one formidable Land Rover fell for these booby traps.

No one with a garden has been spared; those garden lovers who were not affected by stage 1, (the sewer), gloated over those who with remarks such as "Well! That puts you out of the gardening competition," have paled at the second stage of the battle.

The order of battle for this stage has been promulgated in Daily Orders for Wednesday, 9th August para. 6. The enemy tactics for this second stage seem to be, to get all those lawns that were not previously

attacked and where the ravages of the previous engagement have been partially made good, attack the other side of that lawn or garden.

One section of our guerillas unwittingly managed to delay the enemy for a short while in the following manner:—

Before the mighty War Engine arrived he had the turves in the path of the monster cut and removed to a place of safety. The enemy arrived and the War Engine commenced to fill it's Maw with the good top soil. The depth of the trench at this point was eight feet. The enemy kept digging until the eight foot mark was reached on the measuring stick. The surveyor, doing a period check informed the O.I.C. of the engine that had dug six inches too deep. He had not taken into account the depth of the turves which had been removed and it warmed our hearts to see the O.I.C. shovelling six inches of clay back into the trench, meanwhile muttering about those B—— garden lovers.

Well, this one sided battle is not yet finished. In the few remaining weeks before the inspection the enemy will see to it that the Admiral like everyone else will get clay on his new shoes.

There was once a fellow by the name of Joel Kissinger. He didn't like the name so he changed it to MacKay. After a while he decided he didn't like MacKay so he changed it to Ross. Two months later he changed it to Cartmell. By this time all his friends were asking each other, "I wonder who's Kissinger now?"

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ACTION STATIONS

Some years ago the Archbishops of Canterbury and York were asked to give the basic rules of conduct that every sincere churchman is expected to observe. They were asked to do this because it was recognised that the great weakness of the Church is not that its members are too few, but that it has among its members too many people who recognize no obligation to keep its rules. They produced the following rules which come to every member of the Church of England with the fullest authority: they are to be obeyed by Church of England people and the Church will be weakened and our witness the poorer if we do not give our minds and hearts to obeying them. (With very little modification they can be the Rule of Life for all non-Roman Catholic people). Here they are:—

All baptised and confirmed members of the Church must play their full part in its life and witness. That you may fulfil this duty, we call upon you:

To follow the example of Christ in home and daily life, and to bear personal witness to Him.

To be regular in private prayer day by day.

To read the Bible carefully.

To come to Church every Sunday.

To receive the Holy Communion faithfully and regularly.

To give personal service to the Church, neighbours, and community.

To give money for the work of the parish and diocese and for the work of the Church at home and overseas.

To uphold the standard of marriage entrusted by Christ to His Church.

To care that children are brought up to love and serve the Lord.

It is hard for Christians to realise the enormous change that has come about. When I was young Christians were tolerated as harmless anachronisms that were unnecessary in a world that was given to progress. Now this has changed with a vengeance. Distinguished scientists like C. P. Snow, Tizzard, Lindeman, Oppenheimer and many others are finding to their pained surprise that they are required to make moral decisions. Ordinary people are finding that human progress is anything but inevitable and that countries can drift imperceptibly into positions that can lead to world war. Both the scientists and the ordinary people are being driven in their anxiety to seek for guides who know the route and who can guide them to their journey's end. This is the golden opportunity for the Church and for the vast number of ordinary people who comprise it. But the remedies that the Church offers to mankind will be assessed by the impressions that the Church makes upon the lives of its members: only if Christians commend their faith by the quality of their living will the Christian remedy be accepted.

Let us look at an example. In a local factory an argument has developed between a member of the Communist Party and two others — hardworking, conscientious, but not much given to thought. The communist who knows his Karl Marx, has been well-taught in the party line and is winning the argument hands down. The others, about to accept defeat see a workmate passing and ask him to help. He is a keen and prominent member of the local church and they feel sure that he will rout the communist. But alas he fumbles and blusters: his heart is in the right place



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but he does not know the teaching of the Church nor his bible nearly as well as the communist knows the party line. The defeat is due to lack of knowledge.

Unless we take our christianity seriously the Church will lose its golden opportunity. If Christians only live on the outskirts of their religion and not in the centre then their opportunities will be lost.

It is precisely to give us all a sense of responsibility that these Guides to Church Membership were issued. They are so simple that everyone can understand them. When they are lived by Christians then the influence of the christian Church will be enormously extended and her remedies accepted by a puzzled and anxious world.

REVEREND J. TRAINER, R.A.N.

KHRUSHCHEV AND HIS PROMISES

In recent weeks we have read with interest the promises of Mr. Khrushchev which he has made to his people, and to those who follow his way of life as proposed by him and the Communist Party. To the person who can not see beyond this life these promises are most encouraging, and certainly a great temptation to become an ardent Communist. If you are one of these what is stopping you? Why are you hanging on to a way of life which does not make such glorious offers? After all you are one of those people who believes in "freedom," or is your "love" for your fellows so great that you hope that one day they will be able to share the "bliss" of which you are depriving yourself?

Suppose we stop for a moment to think about these promises. For a moment look into a future in which you have all the things as promised by Mr. Khrushchev. What then? Will they last forever? Or have these words which you have heard, but now you have put out of your mind because they are an obstacle to you:—"What does it profit a man if he were to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul" (Matt XVI.26) Lost their meaning for you? Perhaps you are one of those who denies that he has a soul. Perhaps one of those who does not deny that he has a soul, but who lives as though he did not have soul, and for whom there is nothing beyond the grave. Death brings all to an end. Is this all that life means to you? Sacred Scripture tells us that only fools have such ideas. St. Augustine tells us that if we were to possess all that the body desires in this life we would not be happy, because God has made us for Himself "Thou has made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee."

Some nineteen hundred years ago Our Lord came on this earth, and gave us a way of life. In fact He is the way "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." He promised that if we follow this way of life we would obtain an eternity of happiness. Because He is God we are certain that these promises will be fulfilled. Khrushchev's promises are only for this life. For many this life has only a short span, for others, perhaps, a bit longer. But for all it will end — all who do believe in eternity. When we think of this how foolish not to trust Our Lord. We worry too much, and do not trust Him. Perhaps we could think of His words as given to us by St. Luke:—"I say to you, then, do not fret over your life, how to support it with food, over your body, how to keep it clothed. Life is a greater gift than food, the body than clothing; see how the ravens never sow or reap, have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them; have you not an excellence for beyond theirs?" (Lk. 12 22.24).

CHAPLAIN L. J. BRESLAN.

EVOLUTION AND REVOLUTION

Upon the surface of this spinning globe
Creative coolness came; its cloudy robe
Poured a libation to the gods of life.
And in that sea one cell, then more, then strife
Between the cells, then still more cells, then groups of cells, then special
types of cells, as troops,
Weilders of air, of food, or growth, of sex,
Then all of us — we're in this, to our necks!
And with the heads God gave us we made — plans?—
Made faces, speeches, wars, like hooligans!
Eternal warfare rules, and all take sides,
Take arms, take lives, take prisoners, take brides:
Create? no, procreate! Conceive? no, contraceive! And so the bloody
list goes on.

Revolted anthropoids! condemned because
We could have taken thought, could have made laws,
Could have erected palaces, not mere phallos!
Could have obeyed "They shall not e'er destroy
In all the holy mount." We could have been
Quite free from fear. Unto a sunlit scene
We could have waked, and in the open breeze
Upon a terrace could have watched the seas
While breaking bread. And then we could have sailed in little boats, in
winds that never failed.

All that first day of peace. We could have gone
Joyfully on from there for all time, on
Until we reached the farther shore, and trod
The beach of heaven with the saints of God.

— C. J. M.

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FOR WOMEN

Every Wife Will Do Her Duty

EVERY NAVAL OFFICER has his duties clearly laid down in Queen's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, but so far nothing of the kind has been promulgated for his wife. It is to fill this gap and to anticipate a possible laxity of discipline that the following additional Chapter is proposed.

QUEEN'S REGULATIONS AND ADMIRALTY INSTRUCTIONS
Chapter 65, 1961.
NAVAL WIVES

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SECTION I. HULL AND GENERAL

6213. DEFINITION. The Naval Wife, hereinafter referred to as NW, is a female person married (spliced) to a Naval Officer (NO).

6214. MARKS OF RESPECT. NWs are not to wear visible badges of rank, gold lace, caps, swords or medals; but suitable marks of respect are to be given according to seniority.

6215. CALLING. The Junior NW is to call on the senior NW between 1500 and 1600 hours (local time), equipped with:

- (a) Gloves.
- (b) Hat.
- (c) Cards.

2. The duration of the call will be twenty minutes, during which time the Senior NW is to elicit the following information from the Junior NW:

- (a) Father's occupation.
- (b) Number of children.
- (c) Sex or sexes of children.
- (d) Ages of children.
- (e) Proposed schools.
- (f) Name of hairdresser.

and the Junior NW is to comment favourably on the Senior NWs dog, pictures, flower arrangements and taste in cushion covers.

6216. SIGNING THE BOOK. Very Senior NWs (VSNWs) are not to be called on except by other VSNW's. They are to have a Book, chained to the banisters or otherwise elegantly displayed.

2. All NWs are to sign this Book, dressed as for Rayol Inspection, seams straight, gloves whole, slips non-showing, and a hat.

3. The manoeuvre is to be carried out in a workmanlike and sailorly manner with no referring to back pages, and with every endeavour not to see or be seen by the VSNW, who is "in" (hence the call), but "not in" (thus the Book), but is really in all the time, engaged in some profitable occupation (see 6217 (b)).

4. The remarks column is to be left empty.

5. In the extraordinary event that the VSNW should appear in person, the NW is not to sign the VSNW.

SECTION II. ENTERTAINMENT

6217. MORALE. Senior NWs are responsible for the welfare of Junior NWs and are to raise their morale by:

- (a) Morning Coffee Parties (seven kinds of cake and bouillon).
- (b) Sewing Bees (stuffed mice and patchwork egg-cosies for Sales of Work, to make money to stuff more mice and patch more egg-cosies.

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(c) Friendly Wives (coach parties to see ruined abbeys, printing works, stately homes).

6218. DRESS. Hats are to be hoisted at all cocktail, luncheon, coffee and tea parties, although the term "hat" may be interpreted to mean strong strips of veiling like black wire netting attached to velvet-covered steel springs.

2. Cigarette holders are not to exceed the regulation length of three and a half inches.

6219. CONVERSATION. Conversation is to be rendered unintelligible to non-NWs or encrypted, by means of initials and abbreviations, as in FOO, SOO, COS, COF and CINC (pronounced Sea 'n Sea, American: Sink).

2. Although free to discuss other NWs and their NOs, no NW is to admit knowledge of her own NOs job, on the supposition that it is more secret and therefore more vital than any other NOs. This is facilitated by the general rule that her NO is never to tell her anything anyway.

6220. PARTY GAMES. At dinner parties, conversation may be replaced after the coffee by thought-provoking games such as:

(a) Six-handed draughts.

(b) Four-dimensional Noughts and Crosses.

(c) That wherein the player has to be a Streetcar named Desire.

6221. ENTERTAINING NWs WHOSE HUSBANDS ARE AT SEA. The NW is to telephone the above from time to time to say that she has been meaning to do something about them for ages, but she's been so busy entertaining COS, COF, FOO, etc, and now she's done the people that matter, they simply must come round, just pot-luck, one of the family, if they don't mind washing up.

SECTION III. SPORT

6222. GENERAL. The NW is expected to share the NOs keen interest in sports, and is to accompany him readily to soccer, rugger, cricket, hockey, basketball and boxing matches, noting that near the Equator these may go on simultaneously all the year round.

6223. PARTICULAR DUTIES. It may be part of her duties to Give Away the Prizes at sporting events.

2. No speech is required, but some inaudible remark such as "Father Christmas" or "Bloater Paste" may be made with each presentation, accompanied by a Recruiting Poster smile.

3. An expression of modest delight is to be assumed immediately on being given three rousing cheers and a floral tribute.

SECTION IV. SEA-GOING NAVAL WIVES

6224. SEA-GOING NAVAL WIVES. There shall be no Sea-Going Naval Wives.

2. The NW whose NO is "wet," that is, who serves in genuine water-supported ships, is to remain out of his way during commissions, and is to live soberly and obscurely at home.

(a) In furnished lodgings with pictures of dogs, stags and kittens, or water-colours of Venice done by the landlady's aunt.

(b) In the House, chosen, furnished and factionally paid for, somewhere in Hampshire or Sussex in the expectation that it will be easily accessible from Portsmouth, the Admiralty, Plymouth or Chatham.

6225. NEWS. NWs who infringe the above Regulation and follow their NOs overseas are to be known as Non-Entitled Wives (NEWS).

2. They are to be Non-Entitled to:

(a) The fare out.

(b) The fare back.

(c) Quarters to live in.

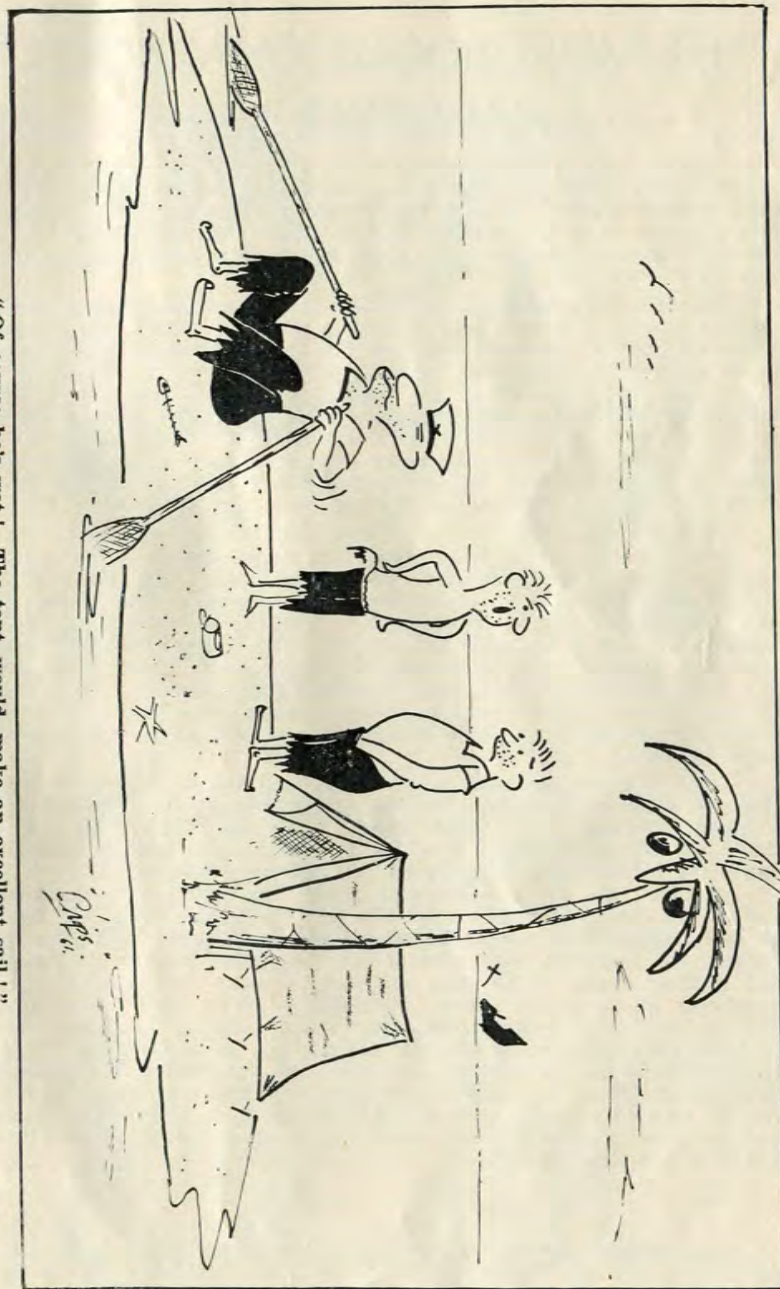
(d) Allowances to live on.

(e) Marks of respect.

(f) Their NOs, except at irregular and infrequent intervals.

3. "The Ship Comes First" may be inscribed in poker-work and hung in a conspicuous and honourable position.

"Of course he's wet! The tent would make an excellent sail!"



THE MOST BOGUS CHARACTER I HAVE EVER MET

The most bogus character I have ever met was my Uncle Charlie. Uncle Charlie claimed to have been a sea faring man and was therefore supposed to be a character, and we children used to be sent to see him on Sundays when we would much rather have been trying to brew beer in the garage.

Uncle Charlie lived in a very nasty little house off Macleay Street, about a quarter of a mile (two cables, he called it) from Garden Island. When we arrived, he would stand at the door and blow a little whistle as we entered. He called this "piping the side." He would then invite us to put our hats and coats in the "locker" in the hall and take us into the sitting room for a revolting green drink which he called a goffer. He used to recount lurid tales of how he used to "punish the grog" in the old days, but, of course he never touched it now. As we knew from personal observation that he was carried home, stiff as a board, three nights a week, this assertion did not cut much ice with us.

The house was rather dirty, except for the brass ("brightwork" to Uncle Charlie), which shone like mad. There were a lot of photographs of girls, not all European, round the walls and these Uncle Charlie described, with an expression of indescribable lechry, as his conquests. When he was out one day, we took one of these out of its frame and found it had been cut out of "The Silver Screen." There were also pictures of some antiquated looking ships, clearly built even before guided missiles, and some equally ancient aircraft, since Uncle Charlie claimed to have been an aviator as well as a sailor. This was one of the things which made us suspicious of him, as we knew no one could be both.

Uncle Charlie's bedroom always fascinated us, as it was so small that you could hardly get in the door and had a peculiar high bed with a board down one side. "Keeps you in when she rolls," Uncle Charlie would cry jocularly. Having seen his form when he returned from the pub some nights, we had no doubt this was very necessary.

Afternoon tea was a thoroughly indigestible meal of things which looked like dog biscuits, "pusser's" jam and tea which was so strong as to be almost pure tannin. Afterwards we would listen with mounting boredom to Uncle Charlie's tales of the "Old Fleet Regatta at Hobart" and unlikely events which were supposed to have occurred at some aerodrome on the South Coast. Fortunately, about this time Uncle Charlie would start looking desperately thirsty, and, as he did not care to quench his thirst while we were around, he would suggest it was time for us to go. Thankfully we would grab our things and mumble hypocritical thanks. At the door, the piping ceremony would be repeated and, as we sped down the road in the gathering dusk, we would look back and see Uncle Charlie, standing stiffly to attention, lowering a flag from a pole in his tiny front yard.

The origin of the expression "Hurrah for our side" goes back to the day crowds lined the streets to watch Lady Godiva make her famous side-saddle ride through the streets of Coventry.



NEW ORDER IN THE SICK BAY

By means surreptitious and methods questionable, the editorial staff has acquired a document which is considered to be of interest to all personnel, in that it belies the popular belief that the Sick Bay is staffed by emotionless, hard-hearted, routine ridden, document dictators devoid of vocation, bereft of sympathy and lacking in love. Quite the contrary, we find that such is the open-hearted concern and unquestioning tenderness inherent in the souls of our medical staff that special briefing and instruction is needed, and is provided, to ensure that unnecessary attendance at the Sick Bay is not encouraged, that minor ailments are not over-treated, that malingerers do not go undetected and that the Sick Berth staff do not overwork themselves.

It has obviously cost the writer of the document a prodigious effort in determination and selflessness, and his heart strings are patently being tugged with agonising severity as he sets pen to paper to produce "Epistle to Healers." Such is our admiration and praise of his soul-searching that we print the document in full, without further editorial comment. Only the names are changed to protect the guilty.

SPECIAL MEDICAL INSTRUCTION. CONFIDENTIAL

Records show that the number of attendances at the Sick Bay have recently been increasing. This trend is disturbing, implying as it does, a lack of the toughness, unconcern and cynicism which must temper all our dealings with patients. Accordingly for the guidance of the staff, the following points are noted, with relevant case histories.

(A.) The medical practitioner is peculiarly dependent on the veracity of the patient for an accurate and helpful history of symptoms. The guiding principle must therefore be that all patients are untrustworthy until proved otherwise. Certain measures are available to assist this evaluation of patients reliability, perhaps the most efficacious being the hypodermic injection (colloq. "jabs" "needles"). This will discourage the half hearted malingerer. For those made of sterner stuff whose complaints remain unchanged in spite of daily assaults, recourse should be made to the special hook-ended needle, with, as an added refinement its use direct from the steam sterilizer. The combination of heat and pain has proved most effective in reducing the attending list.

(B.) Never should anyone receive attention in the Sick Bay without waiting at least 60 minutes — cushions, magazines, etc., should not be provided. This delay will deter a significant proportion of patients from seeking attention.

(C.) It is impossible to be genuinely ill on the following days:

- (i) When Captain's rounds of the Sick Bay are due.
- (ii) When divisions are being held.
- (iii) Mondays.

(D.) Sports injuries should invariably be treated with a knowledgeable frown, a professional grunt and the remark "Well what do you expect when you play that silly game?" If the patient unwisely persists in seeking attention for his damaged portions, manipulation without anaesthetic has proved its worth as a reliable method of treatment. Statistics show that only some 10 per cent of patients return for a second session.

(E.) All complaints of abdominal pain are to be blamed on naval food and patients should be placed on a strict unattractive diet, with the administration of suitable strong purgatives.

(F.) Never forget that you know much better than the patient whether or not he is ill. Constantly remind him of this, and it will inculcate in him a touching confidence in your abilities.

(G.) All coughs are to be ascribed to smoking and patients must be told that the cough will persist as long as they smoke. Patients with a cough who don't smoke are malingerers.

Illustrative Case Histories

(1.) ABLE SEAMAN WEEKNEES:

Diagnosis: fracture of both legs, sustained at Aussie Rules. Treatment: One day's rest in bed then discharged to light duty.

Remarks. Firmer treatment was obviously needed in this case; this sort of pampering will encourage him to report sick every time he breaks a leg.

(2.) PETTY OFFICER TWICER:

Diagnosis: double vision. Treatment: daily eye exercises at the Sick Bay, duration indefinite.

Remarks. This man will clutter up the premises for weeks. Issue of an eye shade would have cured his double vision and kept him out of our hair.

(3.) NAVAL AIRMAN KOLLICK:

Diagnosis: acute appendicitis with abscess. Treatment: operation and drainage, duration 14 days with 14 days sick leave.

Remarks: It could be that this man was not a malingerer — cases like this are difficult to assess objectively; in future similar cases will be transferred to other hospitals.

(4.) SUB.-LT. TRANQUIL:

Complaint: pain on prolonged sitting. Treatment: Supply one air cushion.

Remarks. How gullible can we get? This is a recognised wardroom complaint, endemic in all areas and climes. A perfect case for the hooked needle treatment, injected into the painful areas daily for one week. Cure rate 100 per cent, usually after one treatment. Air cushions indeed!

(5.) LEADING SICK BERTH ATTENDANT NOMOANS:

Complaint: headaches, persisting during working hours. Treatment: Aspirin, three-hourly.

Remarks. One can be too firm . . . this man may have been dangerously ill. He should have been put to bed immediately, with sick leave to follow. The erring staff have been suitably admonished and it is felt that such gross dereliction of duty will not occur again. Noblesse oblige.

The burden, at present nobly borne on the broad shoulders of the Sick Berth staff, should be considerably eased by the judicious application of the principles outlined above.

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"What do you know about the salivary glands?"
"Very little. They're so secretive."

☆ ★ ☆

DICTIONARY FOR DRUNKS

PIZZ — Type of hat worn by Asiatics.

BAR — Large hairy animal.

SWIZZLE — Type of chair that executives use.

ABSINTHE — Makes the heart grow fonder.

GIN — Place where we take physical education.

WHISKEY — A facial growth.

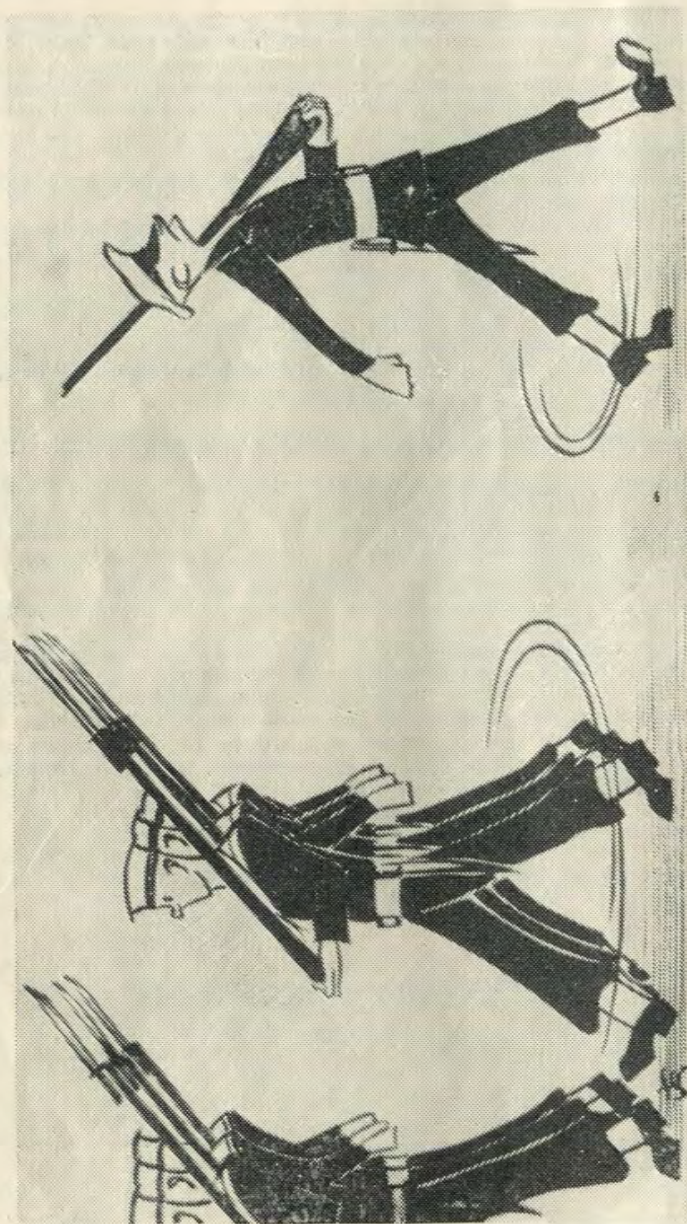
DRUNK — The main part of a tree.

GOBLET — Baby sailor.

MIX — Irishmen.

RUM — What a house is divided into.

SHERRY — Type of tree Washington chopped down.



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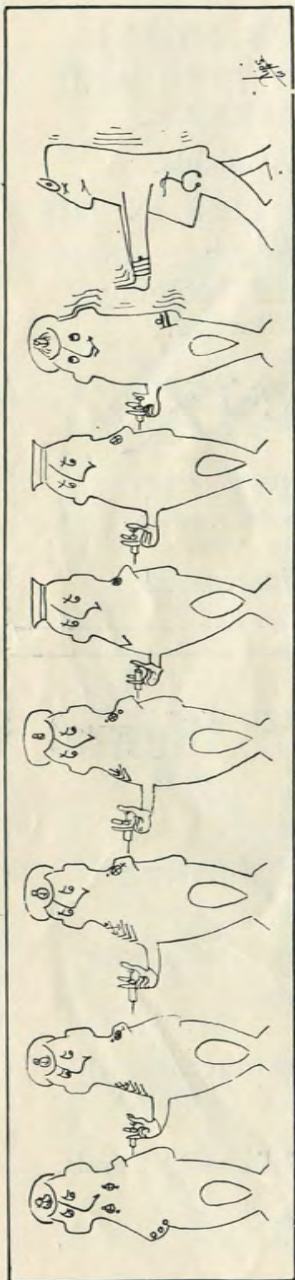
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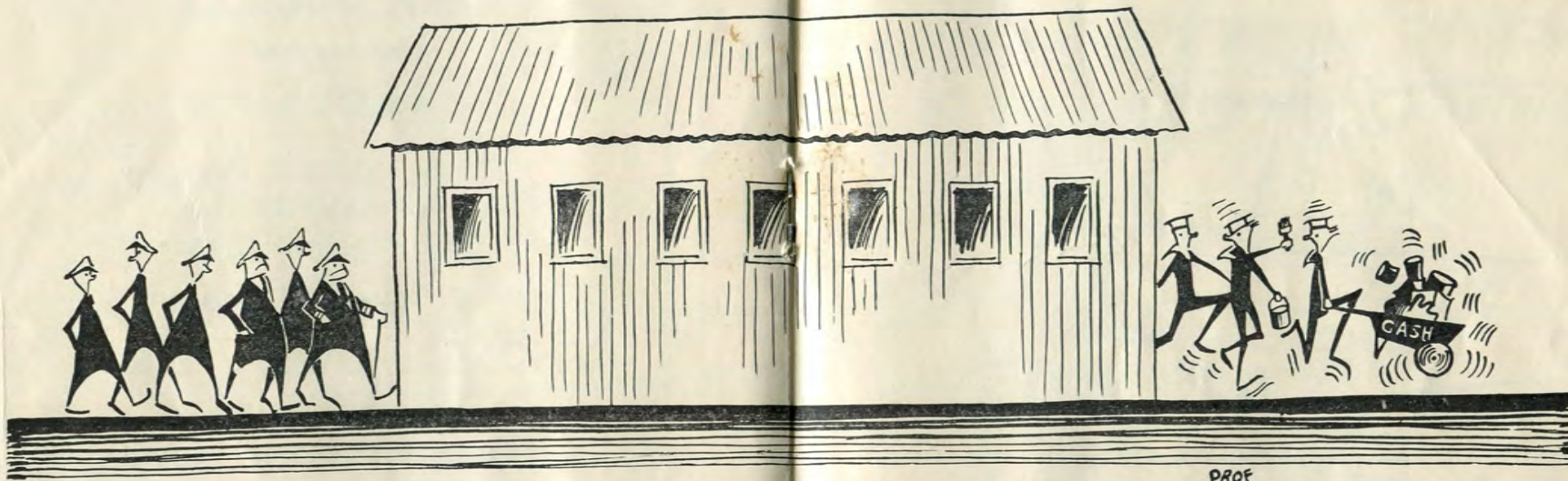
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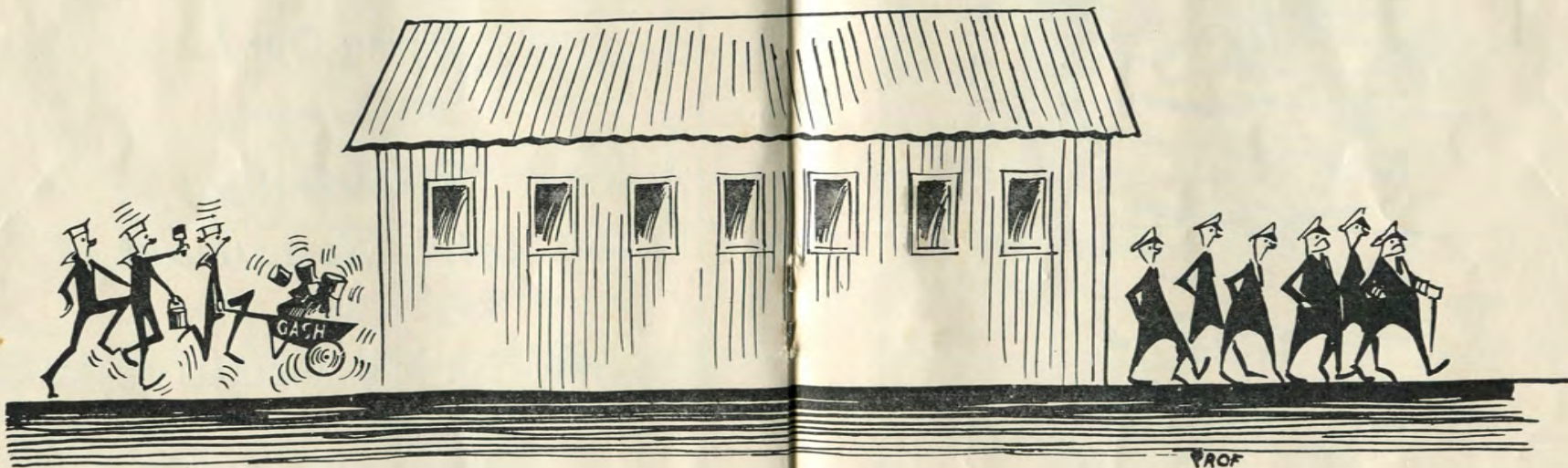
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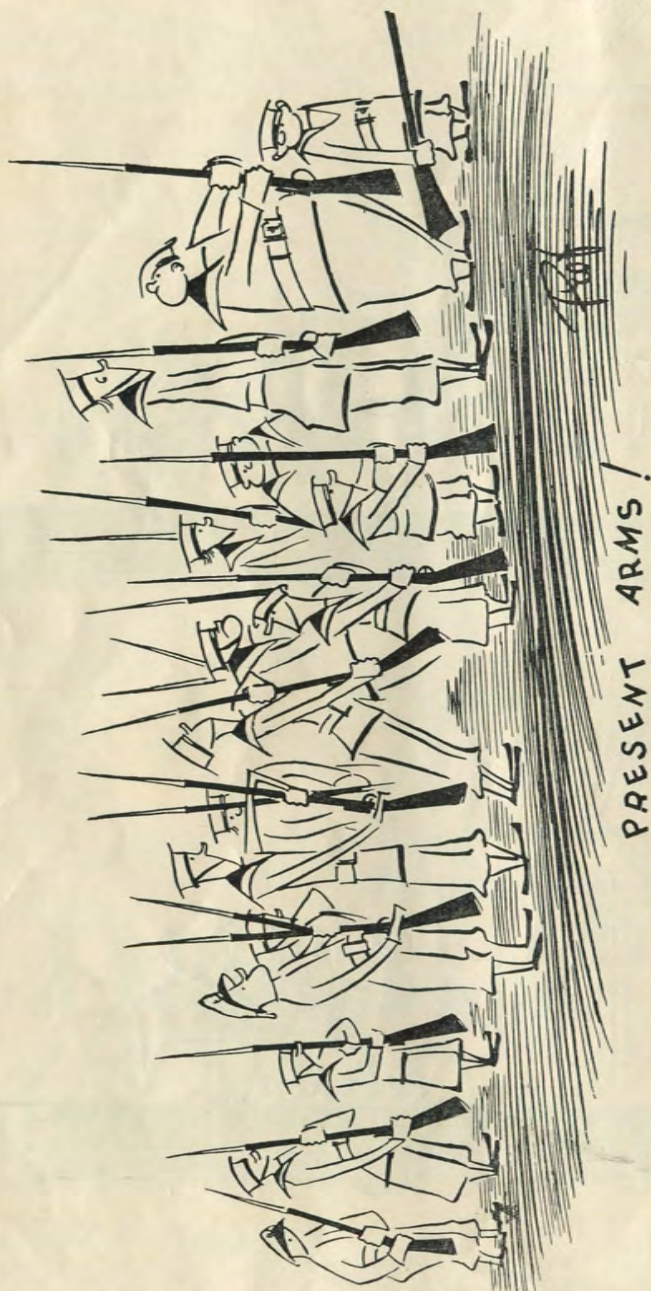


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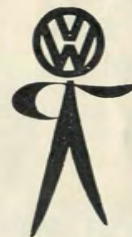


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Good enough.
We have never done it that way.
We haven't the man-power.
We have tried that before.
Not ready for it yet.
Let's not step on their toes.
Let's discuss it some other time.
Too much trouble.
That's not our problem.
Let's shelve it for the time being.
Has any-one else tried it.
There are better ways than that.
We don't like Inspections.
A cheer for the Admiral.
Who do they think they are?

COOKS

It will work.
It is part of our job.
We have the time.
Never too early.
Never too late.
Never good enough for us.
We can and will do it that way.
We will make the man-power.
We will try it again.
We are always ready for anything.
Let's jump on their toes.
Let's discuss it now.
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He must always look immaculate when drinking with bankers, swankers, commercial travellers and company representatives, even though he has just stopped a "beer throwing" contest in the public bar.

To be successful, he must keep the bars full, the house full, the tanks and the storeroom full, the customers full and not get full himself. He must have bar-men who are clean, honest quick workers and thinkers, non-drinkers, mathematicians, technicians; and at all times to be on the boss's side . . . and stay on the inside of the bar.

It is said that he home-wrecks, takes weekly pay cheques; in other words, saturates, confiscates, deteriorates and propagates.

To sum up, he must be outside, inside, offside, glorified, sanctified, stupified, cross-eyed . . . and if he is not the strong silent type, there's Suicide.

PROFESSOR: "If, in going down this incline, I gain four feet per second, what will be my condition after 25 seconds?"

STUDENT: "You'll be a centipede."

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A handsome young airman lay dying,
And as on the hard standing he lay,
To the fitters who round him came sighing,
These last dying words he did say:

"Take the cylinders out of my kindneys,
The con-rod out of my brain,
Take the cam-shaft from out of my backbone,
And assemble the engine again."

N.A. JACKSON.

Brush Up Your English

I take it you already know
Of tough and bough and cough and dough

Others may stumble, but not you
On hiccough, thorough, lough and through.

Well done: And now you wish perhaps
To learn of less familiar traps.

Beware of heard, a dreadful word
That looks like beard and sounds like bird.

And dead: it's said like bed, not bead
For goodness sake don't call it "deed."

Watch out for meat and great and threat
They rhyme with suite and straight and debt.

A moth is not a moth in mother
Nor both in bother, broth in brother.

And here is not a match for there
Nor dear and fear for bear and pear.

And there's dose and rose and lose
Just look them up — and goose and choose.

And cork and work and cird and ward
And font and front and word and sword.

And do and go and thwart and cart
Come, come, I've hardly made a start.

A dreadful language? Man alive
I'd mastered it when I was five.



Fred



"But Sir, You said it was a Landrace!"

FEEDING TIME

With gifts to woo the pets chez nous
My basket's brimming over:
I've got a tin of FI-DO-DIN
("It's oven-fresh!") for Rover

For Puss, a pack of KITTI-SNAK
(With vitamins it's teeming!);
A jar or two of GUPPI-GOO
To keep the goldfish gleaming;

For Budgie's lunch, some SUPA-KRUNCH
("So good for tiny tummies!");
And for the bunny there's a can
Of double-action CRUMMIES.

A scream of rage from Polly's cage—
I haven't brought his BINGLES!
(I'll teach that joker not to creak
Those television jingles!).

THE COCKROACHES

It ain't my fault, fair dinkum Sir;
I've done me bloomin' best:
But I can't keep the blighters down,
Or find their flamin' nest,
I've 'ucked out all the corners, Sir,
And cleaned behind the sink;
But still the little beggars come,
They do, Gawd strike me pink!

I've tried them Pusser's powders, Sir,
And different kinds of spray;
But they don't do no flamin' good
Or drive the cows away.
They lay them up — that's dinkum, Sir:
They seem to make them fat;
And make their coats all glossy, Sir,
Like that one on the mat.

That's 'Erbert, Sir; I know 'im well,
'Cos 'im and me is mates;
I wouldn't 'urt old 'Erbert, Sir,
For all yer leading rates!
And 'Erbert's pals is 'armless, Sir:
That's them behind the door:
Be careful, Sir — don't step on 'im!
That's 'Orace on the floor.

I keep some in me pockets, Sir,
And one behind me ear:
'Ere's Sammy, Sir, and little Tom,
With Aggie in the rear.
But, 'onest, Sir, I'll keep 'em down,
Although it breaks me 'eart:
I'll put 'em in the Wardroom, Sir,
And give 'em a fresh start!

IS YOUR FI - HI ? --- No. 4

IN THIS SERIES so far we have learnt basic units of measurement or calibration, gained an understanding of frequency response and range, and the various distortion factors which have a high-fidelity connotation.

Now we will find out what's watt in amplifiers and preamplifiers. First, let's clear the air of a popular misconception. The power of an amplifier is given by rating it at so many watts output. A lot of watts does not necessarily mean a lot of sound. A 100 watt amplifier, for example, cannot play ten times as loud as a 10 watt amplifier. We learnt in No. 2 of this series that the ear has its own "transmission ratio" and that a doubling of the power input gives only a 3db. increase, so that you can just discern the difference between pushing 25 watts and 50 watts into a given rig. The logical, and cheapest, way to increase your sound-making potential is to increase the efficiency of your speakers, as we will see in a later article.

Why then pay a premium for extra watts if you cannot hear them? The answer is that loudness is not the whole story. Let us say that you have a 5 watt and a 25 watt amplifier playing alternately through the same speaker. Even at identical volume the chances are that you can pick the bigger one blindfolded. You may not be able to put your finger on what the difference is, but somehow the bigger amplifier seems to have a margin of naturalness and to get the music across more convincingly. What lies behind the subtle difference gained by the extra watts? The key to the problem is power reserve. Certain passages in music are like steep hurdles to the amplifier: the crash of the kettle-drum, a chord struck loudly on the piano, the deep bass of the bull fiddles, or the swelling sonorities of the full orchestra. At those moments, the power content of the music itself jumps to multiples of its average value. Suppose we are pushing one-fifth watt into the room, which is fairly loud, through a 5% efficient speaker, meaning that we are drawing 4 watts from the amplifier, and suppose that one of these sharp high-powered passages comes along. It will draw say, 7 watts momentarily from the amplifier, so our 5 watt amplifier will become overloaded, and up will go the distortion content in leaps and bounds, while the 25 watt job will not be stressed at all. As soon as the loud passage subsides, the little amplifier returns to its best behaviour, but the momentary spell of distortion is remembered unconsciously, and, over a prolonged period of listening the result will be that vague feeling of irritation known as "listener fatigue." The big amplifier with its adequate power reserve, other factors being equal, would glide smoothly and imperceptibly over such tonal hurdles. Even heavily scored passages would remain transparent with the clarity of the sound uncompromised. This, rather than mere loudness, is the advantage of an amplifier with an ample power reserve.

The basic requirements of a high-fidelity amplifier are: low harmonic and intermodulation distortion; linear frequency response; adequate power output; good transient response; low hum and noise level; low output resistance; and an efficient tone-control and filter system.

By low harmonic and intermodulation distortion we mean that a good 20 watt hi-fi amplifier will have distortion specifications as follows: H.D. $\leq 2\%$ 1000c/s at 20 watts, IM, $\leq 1\%$ at 20 watts, i.e., harmonic distortion is less than one-fifth of one percent measured at one thousand cycles per second and at an output of 20 watts, and intermodulation distortion is less than one percent at the rated amplifier power. British manufacturers very rarely state a figure for IM, distortion but it can be taken to be roughly four times the H.D. Their American counterparts generally state figures for both harmonic and intermodulation distortion.

By a linear frequency response we mean that it should be substantially flat from 20 to at least 20,000 C/s, and these figures should always be re-

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lated to a reference. Thus a good amplifier will have a frequency response of 20 - 20,000 c/s x- 1 db. ref. 1,000 c/s.

By adequate power output we mean that ample wattage must be available to handle peak transient power without distortion. The best British authorities recommend 10 watts as being ample monophonically and, 8 plus 8 watts stereophonically with speakers of average efficiency (5%). However, the Americans seem to think that 20 watts is the barest minimum and turn out amplifiers up to 250 watts, which becomes a rather expensive way to buy a high sound level. Some confusion reigns between both sides of the Atlantic, as to how the wattage or power of an amplifier is to be measured, the British specifying so many watts rms. (root mean square), and the Yanks using both this system and what they term Music Power Output and Peak Power output. Thus one 20 watt amplifier may be specified as 20 watts rms., 20 watts continuous; 40 watts music power; or 40 watts peak power, without anything being changed but the label. The power response curve of an amplifier is also important as the power output is not constant but varies with frequency, while the actual measurement for the nominal power is taken at 1,000 c/s. Thus a snide manufacturer could put on the market an amplifier optimistically rated at 10 watts, and it would deliver a full 10 watts at 1,000 c/s, but the small cheap output transformer used would cause the maximum output at say 50 c/s to be more in the region of 5 watts. A good amplifier should still be delivering 80% rated power at 30 c/s and 12,000 c/s.

No specifications are ever laid down for transient response (except the "tone-burst" tests of some American firms) but this performance can be inferred from the standard of the other specifications, such as wide frequency range free from peaks and supersonic oscillations, ample high frequency power response, and well designed filters. A listening test is the only way to determine the capability here, although the application of a square wave to the amplifier is indicative.

The figures Hum and Noise are sometimes quoted separately. It is usual to give the rated amplifier output as a reference figure, but some authorities prefer to quote to a standard of 1 watt. A combined H and N of - 9 db is quiteinaudible and - 60 db for both amplifier and preamplifier is adequate.

Low output resistance is tied up in the specifications of "damping factor." Although the nominal output impedance of an amplifier may be specified as 4, 8 or 16 ohms, the actual impedance that the loudspeaker "sees" may be only a fraction of an ohm. The ratio of nominal impedance to actual internal impedance is known as the "damping factor." The higher the damping factor the tighter control of the amplifier over the speaker, especially at resonance, leading to better reproduction, although some authorities advocate a low damping factor, to boost the bass range. Increasing the damping factor above about 20 leads to little further improvement and the fitting of variable damping to an amplifier is rather a waste of money.

Tone controls are necessary to compensate for studio or recording deficiencies, room acoustics etc. A lift and cut of about 12db at 40 and 10,000 c/s in bass and treble respectively is all that is required — more is luxury. In order to avoid distortion produced by imperfect radio transmission, or gramophone records due to defects or wear, it is often necessary to restrict the upper frequency. We cannot do this with the treble control because it starts attenuating at around 1,000 c/s, and removing the distortion would remove most of the programme also. Hence we have to use a special type of treble control called a filter, which will attenuate above 5kcs to 10kcs only. A type with variable points or roll off and variable attenuation rates is desirable but not arbitrary.

Next month we will go into the works of turn-tables, tone arms and cartridges, and their associated troubles.

C. J.

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Obviously, to be able to specialise to such a degree, large quantities of stamps are required and many will be duplicated. This may deter many would-be philatelists but such being the case why not try another form of collection — become a "thematic" This is not a complaint but it could be classed as a disease.

For example, a collection could be made of stamps depicting ships of every kind, or flowers, or moths. Several countries are now printing stamps showing typical flora and fauna. Present day Australian and New Zealand stamps would make an ideal start to such a collection—then add the stamps of other countries of a similar type and you'll be surprised how many stamps will be involved.

Another form of study is to use the stamps as a guide and to find out about its complete origin. This is perhaps considered a little too remote to many philatelists, but let me give an example.

The present 2/5 stamp depicts the "Banksia." The history of this stamp could be written under the stamp in the following way:

"The Banksia is a native plant of Australia and is named after Sir Joseph Banks, who was a botanist in the Endeavour under the command of Captain Cook. The party landed in Stingray Harbour, now re-named Botany Bay — due to the large number of items of botanical interest found. On return to England a Swedish botanist, Linnaeus, impressed by the collection of Banks, declared "the newfound country ought to be called Banksia" — and that is a name which now is generally accepted."

Obviously, then, there is something for everyone in philately, so if your curiosity has been aroused, the members of the club will be pleased to see you at their monthly meetings as advertised on daily orders.

By the way, if anyone has a copy of the 5/- Sydney Harbour Bridge, club members will willingly pay £2/10/- a copy. There's money in it, too!

— "UNHINGED"

Once upon a time there was a boy named Joseph who had a step-brother. They were the best of friends and called each other Joe and Step. Joe went to Sydney, married a blonde, and became a millionaire. He was very happy. He wrote to his step-brother and asked him to come live in Sydney. Step did. Six months later Step took all of Joe's money and his blonde wife and ran away. Joe was sad and destitute. A neighbour got the poverty stricken man a job repairing escalators for large companies like D.J.'s. Joe worked hard and began to prosper once more, but he never forgot his misfortune. So every time he repairs a stair he tacks a little sign to remind people to beware of the fate that ruined him. That's why everywhere you go you see little signs reading "WATCH YOUR STEP."

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Sporting Notes

ALBATROSS UNDERWATER CLUB



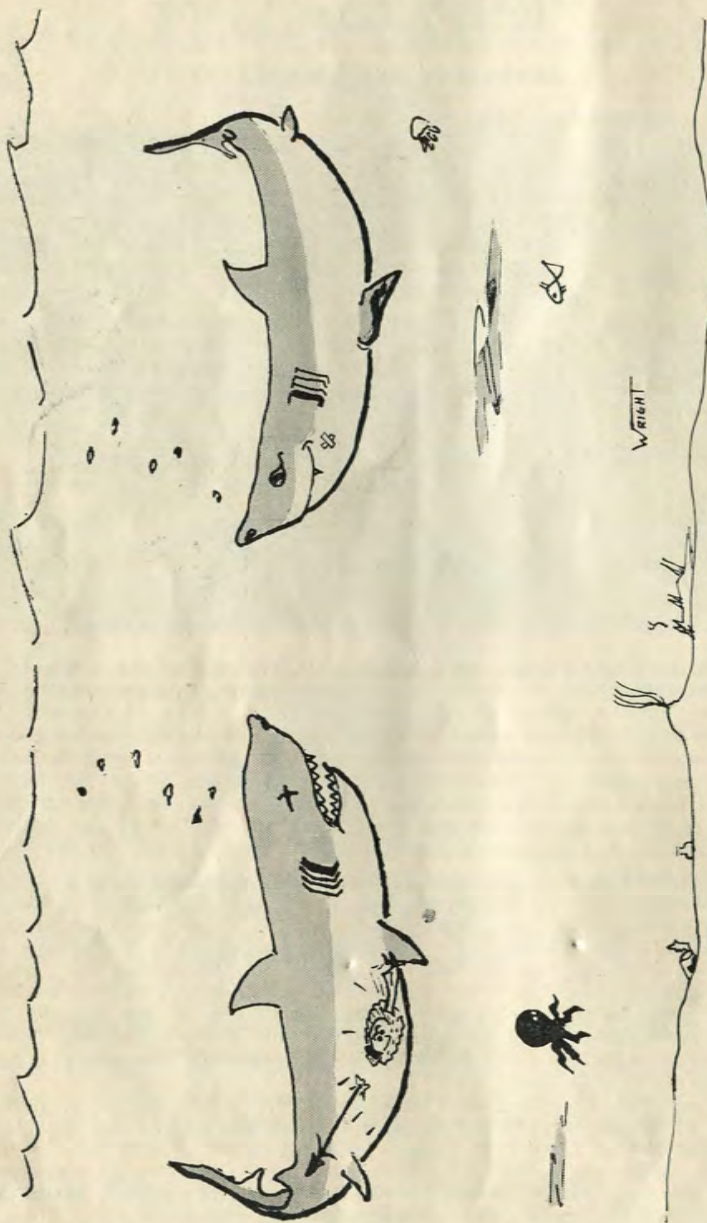
In case any readers have difficulty in recognising the shark in the photograph whilst swimming, it is a wobblygong, this one having been speared by N.A. Baker, of Albatross and L.S.A. Casey, of Creswell. The wobby is not offensive unless provoked and it is fairly easy to keep out of his way, although there were so many on our previous occasion that we had some difficulty in getting our fish out of the water fast enough. Many large squid or cuttlefish are about in the Bay, and these we spear for use by Happy Hawkins and the Game Fishing C'ub as bait, although I believe an attempt will be made shortly to cook one over at the Village.

Competition news brings us to the team representing Navy at the U.S. F.A. contest at Palm Beach on August 6th. As the club was the only team without a boat, we came a good last besides losing a lot of equipment on the rocks, due to a very heavy swell, and a few chaps were injured. For our next contest at Kurnell, on September 3rd, we will take our own boat up which will have a power unit by then (we hope), and so will be able to lift Navy from the bottom of the ladder. Some good spearing was done by Mike Wright, Tiny Linning and Ted Edwards at Palm Beach, but the fish were lost when the fish float was overturned in the rough sea.

Our Club Competition is still headed by R.E.M. Edwards, although E.M. G. Smith says there will be a change shortly. At our last outing in Lobster Bay, Lieutenant Wright landed a couple of nice fish, including a 13lb. Silver Drummer. With the better weather coming on, more members will turn out for sport which will make the competition better. Even the "Shoe" has taken to the water again.

Thought For The Week: Keep away from the rocks.

— THE BIG FISHERMAN.



"It Must Have Been Something I Ate"

ALBATROSS GAME FISHING CLUB

In another four weeks time the Game Fishing season commences, and at present, Wednesday afternoons are being spent carrying out maintenance on the boat and preparing the tackle in readiness for the "Big Uns."

During the last few week-ends, there have been some very good bottom fishing inside the Bay. On the last two Sundays, two hundred and six fish were caught by eight members. The catch comprised several large mowong, bream, pike, leather jackets nannygai, Sergeant Bakers, not forgetting old faithful, the Butchers 'appendage.'

One new member mistook the Game Fishing Club for the Underwater Club. It must have been a pretty cold day, because he didn't take his clothes off. The encouraging cries of "There she blows" and "Encore" were definitely not appreciated, but his spirits weren't dampened and he graciously accepted the applause.

On August the Tenth, the Albatross Underwater Club held a mixed social at the White Ensign Club and invitations were extended to Game Fishing Club members. Those members who accepted the invitation would like to say once again: Thank you for a very pleasant and entertaining evening.

There are still a few vacancies in the club and anyone interested in becoming a member, can contact the club secretary, Lieutenant Sara on Extension 542, or C.A.F. Turner, the club captain, on Extension 364.

Good fishing to you all

— "BURLEY"

ALBATROSS HOCKEY CLUB

Since the last edition, both Albatross teams have struck form and are now minor premiers of both grades as a result of last Saturday's matches.

The "A" team played Woonona, at Albatross, and won 4-1.

Had they been beaten, one of the Wollongong teams could have tied for minor premiers with them.

The "B" team completed their matches undefeated, although, as a result of two draws, they were only one point ahead of A.I.S. Rovers, and had to win to remain on top. The match was against St. Matthews, and we won 7-nil.

With the minor premierships in our possession, our aim is now on the major premierships for a total coup for the Navy this year. The semi-finals will start either on Saturday, 19th August, or the following Saturday, to be decided at the Illawarra delegates meeting on Wednesday, 16th August.

Last year the "A" team won the major premiership in a grand final, and the "B" team just missed by being defeated in the finals.

If the teams are successful, it will be a credit to them as many of our regular players have been drafted or are on board, meaning that some players have to play two matches each Saturday.

Plans are now in hand for a social evening to be held after the completion of the season, and a good night will definitely be had by all.

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ALBATROSS GOLF CLUB NEWS

The Happy Hawkins Trophy for 1961 was decided at the Nowra Golf Club on Wednesday, 26th July. After a very exciting match, Captain Morrison ran out the winner over S/Lt. Wilson, and is to be congratulated on some fine golf throughout this event. The event, which began with qualifying rounds at Mollymook late in May, was very keenly contested in all matches during the various play-offs on the way through to the final. The interest shown in this event must have been very gratifying to the donor of the trophy, who was present at the final and presented the trophies to the finalists. From the Albatross Golf Club we say thank you, Happy, for this added interest you provided for the club; it was much appreciated by all.

Our Golf Club was represented in the finals of the Nowra Golf Club Championships by Surgeon Commander Treloar, who just wasn't good enough to prevent the local champion, Geoff Williams, from winning his twelfth championship in the last 13 years. Congratulations to Geoff on a fine win and a fine record in this event. The only time he has lost has been to Norm Brown in 1957, when he was serving at this establishment. By the way, I hear that Norm has been doing pretty well in the golfing world in New Zealand since he decided to settle in the Kiwi country. Your Club Captain would like to thank all those who gave up their golf to assist him in the local championships and for the interest and moral support of all club members.

Just a reminder that club fees of 5/- are now due, and also annual fees of 2/- to the East Australian Area Golf Club are due. The latter is certainly not compulsory, but to play in any of the inter-ship or open competitions in this area you must be a member of the E.A.A. Golf Club. These dues may be handed to the secretary, P.O. Grennan, at M.R.S.

Club members are still featuring well in the Nowra Club competitions, special congratulations to P.O. Winnem on winning the B Grade scratch trophy in the recent Nowra Open Day. A fine 69 by Surg. Lt. Darroch in the first round of this competition put him well in front in the A Grade scratch event, but in the last nine holes a disastrous eight at the second hole and one out of bounds at the sixth wrecked his chances. This just goes to prove that this sort of thing can happen to the better players, and may give heart to those who are battling to break the hundred. It was also pleasing to note that three out of seven of the Nowra Pennant team were Navy players in a recent match. The interest and keenness of the members of the Albatross Golf Club in recent years has done much to raise the standards of golf in the R.A.N. Our inspection motto "Higher Standards Still" could well apply to our sport as indeed it must to our work.

ALBATROSS SQUASH CLUB

Since the last issue of "Slipstream," some very good competitive squash has been played. The "A" grade remains undefeated in the Nowra competition, with only the final to be played.

Vast improvement on the part of E.M. Moore was the main feature of last week's matches. E.M. King, J., also starred, winning two straight sets without too much effort.

The "B" grade team, playing strongly, has qualified for the final also. Lieutenant Mears proved too strong for all "B" grade opposition and good backing-up by L.E.M. Collins and E.M. Dale made an easy victory possible.

It has come to the secretary's notice that two trophies are available for Station competition. It has been decided that an Open Championship and a Handicap Competition be played for these trophies, details to be decided upon.

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INTER-SERVICE ATHLETICS AND TUG-OF-WAR

You may remember that last year the Inter-service Athletics day was held in the middle of November. This year, owing to the various service commitments, it is to be held at Yulong oval, Moorebank, on 29th September. Now Albatross has to face the Admiral on the 26th and 27th September, and still find time to do its bit towards winning the Athletics and Tug-of-War. The clash with Admirals inspection is unfortunately going to preclude us having our own athletic carnival prior to the Inter-service, also, the annual triangu'ar fixture, Albatross-Creswell-Nirimba, will this year be held in November.

Unless Albatross and the M.A.C. provides a keen selection for the Navy team there is little prospect of the Navy winning the athletics; therefore it is up to you to get in some training NOW for the selection trials to be held at Nirimba on Monday, 4th September. If you are keen to compete in the trials, inform extension 216 as soon as possible.

Last year Albatross won the Tug-of-War shield for the Navy for the first time in 30 years. We know the Army are in training to recapture this prize. Navy is determined to hold this shield and once again Albatross has been selected to provide the team. The standard required to make the team is pretty high, but anyone interested in having a trial should inform Ext. 216 now. Remember, in Tug-of-War the little b'okes are often better than the big ones.

RIFLE CLUB

A shoot was held on 9/8/61, with a very poor attendance, due to weather which caused poor shooting light.

Quite a few egos have been dampened lately on the snap shooting targets, the best score over 3 shoots being P.O. Weaver, with 9 hits on the target. The average of the rest of the marksmen has been about 4 hits out of 10.

A U.S.A.F. survival rifle was tested on the 2/8/61, and proved quite a deadly little weapon for its size. Of all metal construction and overall length of 2ft. 6in., this rifle showed fair accuracy with its .22 Hornet bore, and a good group from the .410 shotgun barrel, the barrels being arranged in over and under fashion.

The periodic trophy shoot will take place on 16/8/61, and we hope to persuade P.O. Weaver to sit on the side-line.

BASKETBALL

Navy 1 is leading the point score in the "A" grade competition and has an assured game in the grand finals, which will be held at Albatross on August 24th. In the "B" grade Navy II is not so fortunate, in that they are running in fourth place. However, with their team back to full strength and their return to form, anything could happen.

Some first class basketball has been seen in the "A" grade lately: "Spike" Giles' penetrating drives paying off dividends, and Clarke's lay-ups from under the basket finding their mark.

Though a team's victory is due mainly to its forwards, it is the guards ability to claim rebounds and pass them out quick, that keep opponents' scores down. Bill Julius and "Junior" Hull, as guards, seem to have the opposition worried and with a little more practice, could become quite dangerous.

Navy's line-up, Rubly centre, Giles and Clarke forwards, Julius and Hull guards, is quite a formidable one, and should be hard to defeat in the finals.

As most of the "A" grade team will be going on board next year, anyone interested in playing basketball is asked to contact the P.T.I. on 216, or L.A.M. Clarke, 723 Squadron.

BOWLS

To perpetuate the good win and in appreciation of the grand gesture of the Bomaderry Bowling Club in making the "Trundlers" from Albatross most welcome to the use of their green and club facilities, Sub/Lieutenant Don Dickie suggested that a trophy be presented to the Bomaderry Bowling Club for perpetual competition between the two clubs.

One of our keen supporters, Sergeant Tom Moffett, presented the Club with an ancient—but excellent—Scottish wooden bowl.

Sub/Lieutenant Dickie undertook the task of designing—and manufacture—of the trophy.

On Wednesday, the 3rd August, the club played a match against Bomaderry and with the assistance of some of our supporters we were able to beat Bomaderry, 96 points to 78.

The Club Captain presented trophies to the rinks scoring the greatest winning margins, namely, Tom Moffett, who won a count back from Abdul Hamilton. J. Wearne's team were the Bomaderry winners.

It is hoped to present the Albatross Trophy to the Bomaderry Club on Wednesday.

We had a fine roll up of bowlers the past two weeks, and it is good to see a number of new players taking up the game. They are P.O. Gollie, Miller and Bye; Mr. Beazley, Naval Store Ins. officer.

A number of players supported the Spastic Day Appeal on Sunday, and four skipped by Ted Hamilton, with Don Dickie lead, Lieut. Cdr. Howells second, and Tom Moffett third, put up an excellent performance, in just being pipped 19 shots to 18, against a very good side from Nowra.

— ABDUL.

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1. Yen; 3. Prong; 6. Ham; 8. Tactic; 10. Baying; 12. Runic; 13. Astir; 14. Lemon; 15. S.S.; 16. Ed; 17. Afar; 18. Asks; 19. Mu; 21. To; 23. Linen; 24. Ivory; 26. Tripe; 28. Elysee; 29. Primer; 30. Sao; 31. Strew; 32. S.O.S.

DOWN: 1. Yeti; 2. Necessarily So; 4. Recurs; 5. Nubile; 6. Heinous Crimes; 7. Magi; 9. Iris; 11. Aced; 19. Mete; 20. Unrest; 21. Tipple; 22. Over; 25. Lens 27. Eros.

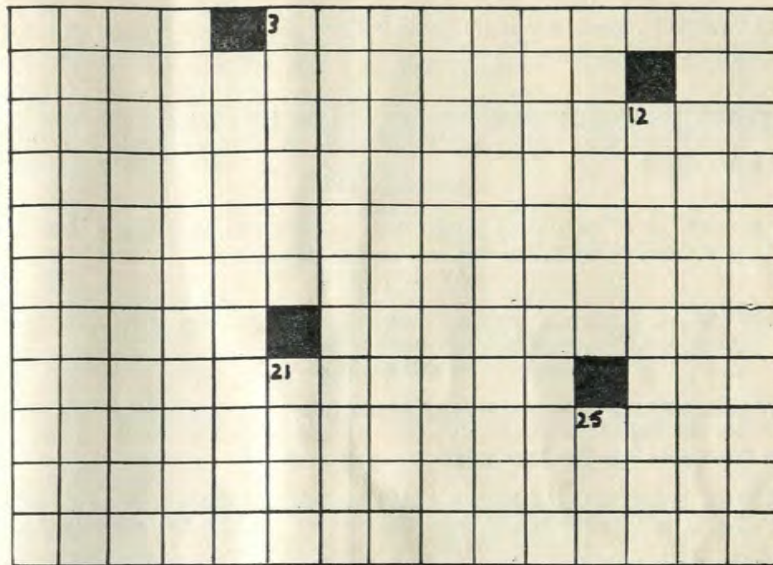
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SKELETON CROSSWORD

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ACROSS:

1. Does he think he's better than other cobblers?
5. Not likely to reach the top as a singer?
7. I gasp for breath at the skill with which food is produced.
9. Take the chill of mean to make a declaration.
11. Common to dogs, cats and kangaroos.
13. Fight noise flying around and common in London.
15. Try to avoid being found among the deluded.
16. She has oil but gets it wrong to start with.
17. Maybe Virginia hopes you won't hear her.
18. Put in to frame the evidence.
19. Put your foot down in a frank way!
20. Yes, grin if you want a squirt deflected that way!
23. Not up to providing a place for flowers.
25. Thinking its a long way in.
26. Tall Gairo in the Zoo.
27. Feeling you wish you were as well off.

28. Long to be without direction for a time.

DOWN:

1. Waive the point, one might suggest for a literary man.
2. You might gain here if the price is low.
3. One just can't continue to do so.
4. Striking enjoyment for the man in the saddle.
5. Half improved, when you take a chance.
6. Does it bear the hallmark of expensive journalism.
8. Going round creating an artificial shortage.
10. Do something to make Archie entertain on the radio.
12. Make a cartoon of a gun-girl's husband.
13. A groups of Church followers.
14. Very bad carry-on.
21. Do it for help.
22. Open to provide cash for the Football Club.
24. Take a weight of sand from an American track, for light.
25. Proper way to finish the washing.

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Albatross 219.

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Albatross 268.

PERSONAL — Tennis opponent required for Wednesday afternoons. Must have own racquet. Must not mind losing.

Albatross 266.

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Yours faithfully,

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