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EDITORIAL

WITH HALF of 1962 behind us, our thoughts automatically turn to leave. For those who have worked well it will be a well-earned rest.

At this time, with the changing of Editors, the staff of Slipstream join with me in thanking the previous editor, Lt/Cdr. Anderson for his excellent work in connection with this journal, and we wish him all the best in his new appointment on board.

Some of our more observant readers — about 99 per cent — have noticed that the price of Slipstream has risen, at last, to 1/-.

Due to the higher printing charges and the increased size and quality of this magazine, the expences have grown accordingly during the past twelve months, and now stand at about four shillings per copy. A proportion of the publishing costs are born by the Advertisers, and we also receive a subsidy from the Ship's Fund. To make ends meet, and at the same time to maintain the high standards to which we all have become accustomed, we regret that the price has to be increased to 1/- per copy. This in effect means that the subscribers will pay a little less than a quarter of the overall production costs.

The M.A.G. will be with us again next week and we welcome it back to its "home away from home."

The July issue of Slipstream will be published shortly after the completion of leave which means that all copy should be in the hands of the Sub-Editor by leave.

CHAIN LETTER

Dear Friend,

This chain letter was started by a man like yourself in the hope that it would bring relief and happiness to others who are tired and bored as he was.

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Have faith. Do not break the chain. One man did and got his old lady back again.

Sincerely yours,

TOMMY MANVILLE
ALY KHAN
PORFIRIO RUBIROSA
LIBERACE (How did he get in the act?)

PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



Lieutenant Commander W. J. Brash (S), R.A.N.

OUR PERSONALITY this month is no stranger to Albatross, his present appointment being his third to the establishment.

After unsuccessfully attempting to join the Purser branch of the Merchant Navy, he joined the R.A.N. on 31st May, 1946, as a Probationary Writer 2nd Class. He completed the usual Recruit Training and was drafted to Cerberus, where he remained until the 31st December, 1948—leaving that establishment as a Leading Writer. His first taste of the sea came when he joined H.M.A.S. Shoalhaven; an interesting draft, as the ship spent a lot of time in Japanese waters.

Harman was his next draft, and whilst there he was advanced to Petty Officer Writer. Reluctantly he left Harman in January, 1951, to experience in Albatross the duties of the Fleet Air Arm. His stay was only short, for in April of that year he joined Sydney in Jervis Bay to work in the Captain's office. Shortly after joining her, the ship proceeded to the Korean area, and possibly one of the most memorable events of this cruise was the passage through "Typhoon Ruth," when a number of aircraft were either lost over the side or severely damaged and it was the first and only time in the ship that he sought the comfort of his hammock.

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Towards the middle of 1952, he underwent special training in all Supply sections on board, and later he appeared before a Fleet Selection Board for Upper Yardman. He was selected and proceeded to the United Kingdom in November, 1952, for courses in the R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth, and the Upper Yardmen's Training School at H.M.S. Hawke, in Dartmouth. On being promoted to Acting Sub-Lieutenant (S) he was appointed to the R.N. College, Greenwich, for 8 months to undergo General Education, Junior Officers' War and Law courses. This was followed by 4 months in the R.N. Supply and Secretariat School (H.M.S. Ceres, in Yorkshire) and a Damage Control course at the R.N.B. Chatham before returning to Australia in May, 1954.

The Sydney was again his home where he was firstly the Captain's Assistant Secretary, and subsequently Captain's Secretary, until he was appointed to Quickmatch as Supply Officer in July, 1956, a position he held until September, 1958. He considers that the period in Quickmatch was the most pleasant of his career, for the ship spent 9 months in the Strategic Reserve, and it visited Noumea, New Zealand and most Australian cities. Further, the Ship's Company was a most happy one.

His next appointment was to the Melbourne, as Assistant Secretary to F.O.C.A.F., where once again he renewed many associations previously made with the Fleet Air Arm. The Naval Board then decided that some shore time would be in order, so in November, 1959, he again joined Albatross as Deputy Supply Officer. This appointment was short-lived, and having thought that he would never again serve in F.N.D., where should he be sent? Yes, you are correct — but this time as the Commodore's Secretary, where he remained for six months, when he was seconded to undergo the Supply and Secretariat Advanced Course, which lasted four months. It was whilst undergoing this course that he was informed he was to join Albatross for the third time, on 5th December, 1960. Imagine the surprise he received, but he now considers that his appointment here as Deputy Supply Officer has certainly been interesting, for he has been really able to find out what does (or doesn't) go on in the F.A.A., and in particular, 723 Squadron.

He leaves in June to join the staff of the Director of Officers' Appointments, at Navy Office, Canberra. He will undoubtedly have many new friends!

THE BOOKIES BEST FRIEND

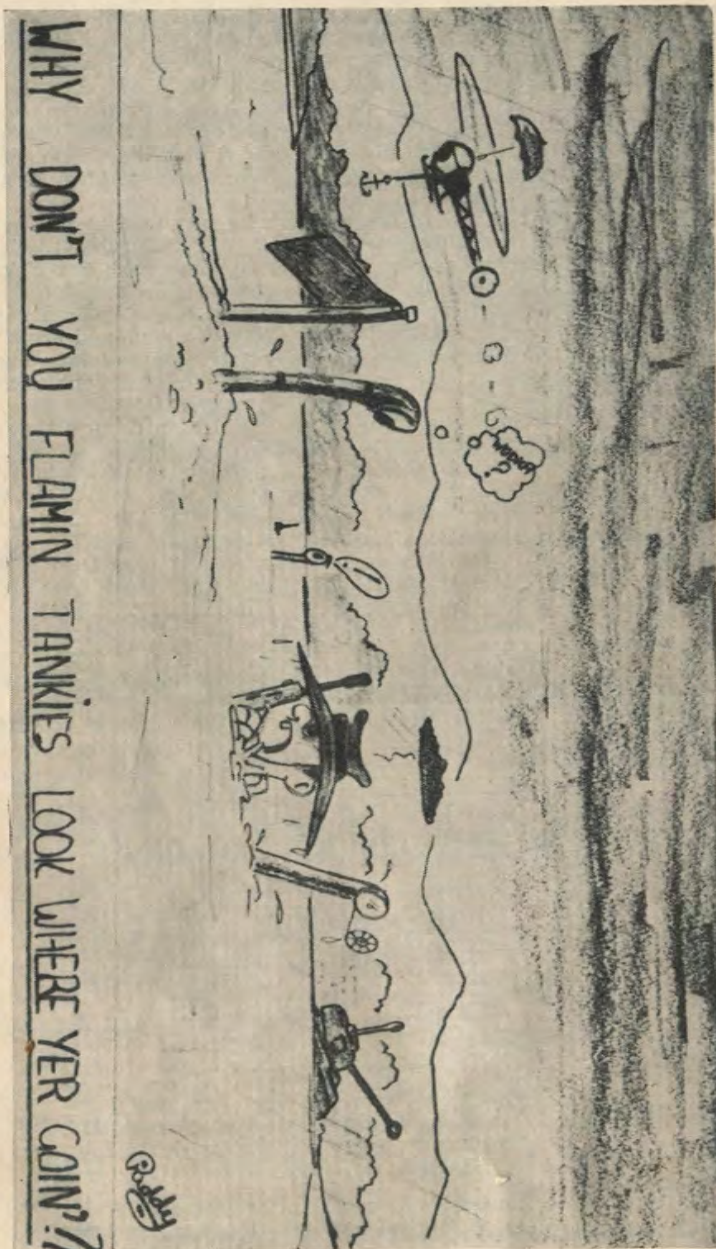
Los Angeles Oz was his name,
Biggest punter in the game,
Systems were his favourite lurk,
Backing nags his lifetime work.

After months of toil and trouble,
He thought he'd found the perfect double.
So out to Randwick he did go,
To take the bookies for a row.

The nags he backed were fleet and fast,
But the trouble was they all ran last!
So home he went without his shirt,
To check his books for another cert.

To see his face was Oh! the most —
His horse, first past the winning post.
Said Oz "I'm in my seventh heaven,
I'm well in front with 12/7."

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WHY DON'T YOU FLAMIN' TANKIES LOOK WHERE YER GOIN'?

+ The Chaplain's Corner +

WHY I BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH

I suppose that there is little use in saying why I believe in the Church until I have made it plain what the Church is — this may be something quite different to what you thin kit is, especially if you are one of those who say that you have no use for the Church.

What, then, is the Church of God? I believe that when our Lord Jesus Christ came to us He started a new activity—a new process—to bring us to God and God to us in a new and deeper way. Jesus did all that God could do in a human life to show God's true character and to bring us to Him. Jesus handed on His work to those who believe in Him. That is the Church—Jesus Christ and those who believe in Him. As any earthly society must, it has an organisation—He built it round His Apostles; He gave it officers, basic facts and principles (what we now call the creed) symbolic acts like the Holy Communion (the point of which is that they are His actions as well as ours, we meet Him in them) and He gave the Church a job to do.

Now, however much a mess we Christians make of it, the Church is Christ's; its His show. I believe in it, because I believe in Him. There is a whole section of it, the biggest part, which I cannot see at all—the Church beyond; it has not got our earthly organisation any longer because it has its own job to do in heaven. But we belong together, we are part of it—because Jesus Christ is the Lord of all life in God, here and hereafter. There are no doubt many in the Church above who missed their way into the Church on earth; equally there are probably members of the Church here below who have missed their way into the Church above. Our Lord said that the final test is what you are and what you have done as you stand before the judgement seat of God. This is the Church as Christ made it and I believe in it as it is the functioning part of the Body of Christ.

But it is only fair to look at the Church as we find it organised here on earth with its many divisions and differences. It does not approach Christ's idea nor is it up to the work that He gave it to do. This is so obvious that it hardly needs saying. However, I still believe in it as a necessity of Christian living. It possesses the things that Christ entrusted to it; it has the same structure of continuous life, the same basic faith embodied in the Creed, the same sacraments, the same task. If I believe in Christ and want to do a job for Him, and let Him do a job for me, then I must be within and not outside the Church. And by the Church, I mean the different Christian Churches. We differ in some things, but we agree in far more, and—thanks be to God—we are beginning to work together. The Church does her job according to the keenness of her members—sometimes better and sometimes worse. But there is no one else to do the job because only the Church has the tradition, the faith, and the tools which Christ gave her. In every country it is bringing people to God, and it is the hard core of resistance to the debasing forces of the world, the flesh and the devil. That is why I believe in the Church, and if you want to serve the Lord Christ, your place is inside it as well.

—Rev. J. TRAINER, R.A.N.

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RESPECT FOR LIFE

We read a lot today in the popular magazines — the corner-bookstall variety — about a new crisis facing the world. Self made economists make dramatic assertions for the future about the world's incapacity to support its increasing population and then without reference to fact or competent authority, proceed to propose a solution to this vexing question.

The problem of course, is over population, the proposed solution, birth control — a solution neither ethical by Christian standards, nor as immediately practical and effective as its adherents claim.

Whenever I read the caption "population explosion" and the most suggested solution — birth control — I cannot help thinking of a somewhat similar problem we had here in Australia some years ago — but with a different variety of animal to man. Our scientists reduced this problem effectively by the introduction of the virus myxamatosis to curtail the prolific breeding habits of the offending animal — the rabbit. And it seems to me, that public opinion is being directed toward accepting the solution of this HUMAN problem with a scant respect as if it was just a question of removing another variety of the four-legged Kingdom.

This article is not written by an economist, or by one who claims to be, but considering the problem and looking for a solution, the untrained must look to the opinion of experts and consider these also within the framework of God's care for the world and the people, he has created and it is here I find the ordinary reader has been the subject of many too truthful articles.

Aldous Huxley — himself once of the opinion that "a pill a day keeps the babies away" — believes that because of the very complexities involved in the administration and distribution of the birth control means, because of the intelligence and will power it demands from the teeming millions of the world's illiterates for its "successful" use and for whom it is supposedly prepared, will not provide the answer. Besides where people are hungry — it shows scant respect for their condition to offer birth control pills before food, or other essential medical supplies.

The justification for the wide use of birth control — a funny phrase for it really intends no births and no control — is dealt a heavy blow by the top authority in the world on agricultural questions, and world food supply problems — the Food and Agricultural Organisation of United Nations. On a recent publication, with world wide conditions and statistics before it, this organisation asserted strongly that the capacity of under developed countries to climb out of the primary poverty is not only within possible realisation but these countries could produce surplus food on such a colossal scale as never before known. Countries like India, China without reclaiming increased land would have twice as much food for the population at now.

What then is the answer? What should be done that is being neglected?

The answer, the best economists say, lies in a more equal distribution of this world's benefits — natural, technical, including atomic, medical — and secondly in overcoming problems in the distribution of surplus food. One article quoted Colin Clarke, Author of Economics Research at Oxford for the figures that it cost millions of dollars in the U.S. in 1958-59 to store 8,000 million dollars worth of surplus grain. In that year the grain harvest in the U.S. was 11 per cent greater than ever before, though the total acreage sown was the lowest for forty years! That amount of food would

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Even if the Christian world could condone the birth control policy, one's faith in it would be shattered by its record. In Puerto Rico, where all the advice and clinics have been laid on for free, for twenty years, there is one of the highest birth rates in the world. The world has no instance of a rural people with low level of literacy and with consumption at subsistence level who have voluntarily taken up birth control and made a "success" of it.

These few lines may enlighten some. Much more could be said — so much more on an international level remains to be done.

But I'm sure of this. As one who often times turned a pretty steady .22 barrel away from a myxo rabbit, I believe the under fed Asians demand more humane treatment than the wholesale distribution of a "defertilised" pill and would expect the Christian leaders of our nation to find an answer, within norm of human dignity.

CHAPLAIN McDONALD.

Minutes of General Mess Meeting

Held in the Petty Officers' Mess, H.M.A.S. Albatrocity—9th February, 1952

The meeting was due to start at 1230, but owing to the unexpectedly early arrival of the next week's beer ration the President was unable to gain the members' attention until 1300.

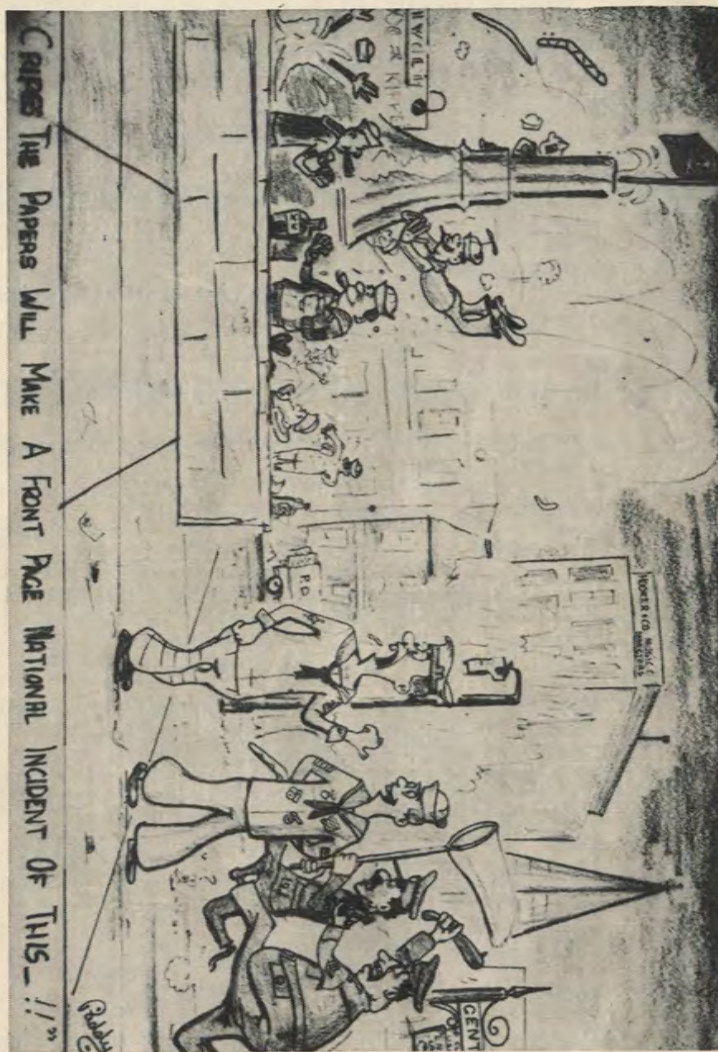
The President then opened the meeting by calling on the Secretary to read the Minutes of the last meeting. Unfortunately, the Secretary, having mustered the wine stocks that morning, was a little befuddled and started to read out a letter that he had received from a solicitor representing an aboriginal lady in Jasper's Brush. The President, however, stopped him before the interesting part of the letter was reached, and the Secretary then read out the Minutes.

7 These were passed by the meeting, after some discussion on an elleged resolution at the last meeting that the Secretary's Honorarium had been increased by £2 per week. The Secretary stated that the proposer and the seconder of this resolution had since been drafted to H.M.A.S. Tarangau, so could not be called upon to offer confirmation. The Secretary then quickly passed to the financial statement which showed a balance in hand of 16/3, being money due on empty bottles. There was some discussion on the legality of the entry, "By postage stamps — £560/19/6" and Plumber Chisholm enquired whether the Mess should not have more than 16/3 in hand in view of the fact that the price of beer had been increased seven times in the last four months. The President promised to check up on this point when the Treasurer returned from leave. He was at present seven days overdue.

P.O. Tel. Maddalena then suggested that in view of the Mess depleted finances, revenue be obtained by selling the billiard table ashore.

Stores P.O. Parsons objected to this on the grounds that the billiard table was an item of Naval Stores, but the Mess voted in favour of the proposal. Shipwright Jordan volunteered to replace the green baize, which was at present being used as a curtain in the Heads, before the table was put up for sale.

Sick Berth P.O. Lawrence complained to the President regarding the number of dogs in the Mess. Yesterday he had noticed sixteen different breeds in the dining Hall, and he asked that on the grounds of hygiene that they be given separate tables from the P.O.s in future. After much



discussion and barking it was decided that the dogs should continue to enjoy P.O.'s privileges but would be liable to pay Mess Subscriptions. If the owners of the dogs failed to pay these subscriptions they would be shot. R.P.O. Morris, who was confused on this decision, said he doubted whether Q.R. and A.I.'s gave the President power to shoot Petty Officers for such an offence.

P.O.A.F. Cuncliff, Secretary of the Entertainments Committee, said he would ask the Commander whether additional supplies could be obtained through the Sports Fund, but he was doubtful of the outcome.

Electrician Wright asked the President whether he would see that the water added to the beer in future was quite fresh as the last drink he had purchased tasted distinctly soapy. The President said he was sorry that water had to be added to the beer at all, but in view of the present scarcity of beer it was the only way to make sure that everyone got enough. However the Mess had just secured a delivery of 50 dozen bottles of high grade port which would be sold at 2/3 per bottle and would offset to some extent the low gravity beer.

It was not possible to continue the meeting after this point as the Quartermaster was piping continuously for various P.O.'s to report to their place of duty.

The President therefore woke up the rest of the Committee and they adjourned to the bar to discuss further business.

PYTHAGORAS

Fasten your safety belt. No smoking. Hold very tight.
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 The second squaw slept on buffalo skin.
 The third squaw slept on hippopotamus skin.
 Later they all had children.
 The first squaw had a daughter.
 The second squaw had a son.
 The third squaw had twins.
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SLIPSTREAMS ASTERN

By J. P. Biestley

THE ANNOUNCEMENT in the last issue that Slipstream had reached its 5th birthday, prompted me to visualise what Slipstream would be like on its 100th anniversary. So, reaching for my far-seeing crystal ball, I took a good long look ahead — to the year 2057. Issue No. 1200 ought to be out then (assuming that successive editors maintain their one issue per month down the years).

The first thing I see from my lofty perch in 2057 A.D. is that only one copy of Slipstream is produced and this at a cost of 1750 Ossis. In case you don't know what an Ossis is, I must explain that this became the unit of currency in 1994 when decimal currency was adopted. The New Australian confusion between pounds (£) and pounds (lbs.) forced the Government to change to something more basically understandable. However, due to there being more New Australians in Parliament than English speaking natives, a shouted proposal by the latter to call the new unit "Aussies" was accepted by the former with great acclamation. "Ossis" they all shouted. The Hansard report faithfully recorded this and "Ossis" it became. By the way, the sign for Ossis is § (just in case you're asked). There is no smaller unit than an Ossis. Originally it was divided into 10 shillings and 100 pence, but owing to steady inflation the value of the metal used in the coins became more than several Ossis with the result that coins vanished overnight as zealous people melted them down as fast as the Mint produced them. Eventually the Government of the day went broke buying back metal from the population to make more coins — to be melted down — and so on. In 2024 all coins were abolished and Ossis reigned alone. For super finance, however (Budgets, Defence proposals, Government Transport losses, etc.), a unit is used to represent 1000 Ossis. This is known as a "Kolossis" (and there's more where that came from folks).

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What is in Slipstream No. 1200? Well, I couldn't possibly quote its entire contents, but here are some snippets.

SNIPPET No. 1

EDITORIAL NOTE

We are so pleased to have had the honour of producing the 1200th copy of Slipstream in its 100th year of publication. Strangely enough it coincided with the 100,000th Captain's Requestman, who saw the Captain yesterday and received a bouquet of flowers to mark the occasion. Unfortunately we have to record that his request — a compassionate draft to the Martian Air Arm — was refused and he subsequently appeared as the 74,962nd Captain's Defaulter for making a frivolous request. Evidently it had been decided that he had no grounds for transfer just because his wife had left him and gone home to Ma's.

SNIPPET No. 2

SPORTS PAGE — IS AUSSIES RULES DOOMED?

The historical decision of the V.F.L. in 2046 to permit the use of mechanical devices to assist players is blamed for the present fiasco. Originally the weasurers were meant to enable players to wear ear-drum sized thinceivers to receive tactical instructions and other information whilst

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play was in progress. As you may recall, however, players immediately went in for small rocket packs to assist them in taking high marks. Opposing sides countered with rocket packs of higher thrust. Soon, very powerful packs were in use and players soared to fantastic heights. Eventually, of course, the ball could not get up as high as the players and this in turn was re-designed for rocket assistance. The umpires were then left at a decided disadvantage since so much play was high overhead. So they in turn were equipped with rockets and everyone was happy. Everyone? — well, all except the spectators. They complained that they're not getting a square deal especially during low cloud conditions. It wasn't long before they too were trying zero-gravity devices. This constant concern of everyone to attain more altitude has led to some exciting matches and shattering effects. Last year's Grand Final, for instance, started at the M.C.G. and floated over the roof tops to finish at the St. Kilda ground. This was the longest "float" on record until this year's Grand Final which took place last week. For this event each side's technical department had secretly achieved simultaneous break-throughs in zero-gravity design. Came the great day when each side thought to surprise the other. To great heights they soared in vigorous combat, higher and higher, until eventually the umpires, spectators and even the ball was left behind. It is believed that the players were then caught up in a strong Northerly wind. Certainly they were last seen heading across Bass Strait and have not been seen since. The disappearance of the Grand Final has rocked the very foundations of the V.F.L. and it is believed a large reward will be offered for information leading to its discovery so that the result can be ascertained and the League table tidily completed.

SNIPPET No. 3

SOME LETTERS TO SLIPSTREAM

Dear Slipstream,

What about using your influence to get the Payne & Kelly hoverbus to leave Nowra a little later. These 0930 starts are upsetting my morning 18 holes.

DOC.

Dear Doc.,

Much as we sympathise, we regret that nothing can be done to help you at this time. The Commander says that since the introduction of the 8 hour week, he's getting little enough done anyway. Quite a lot of personnel are spending 5 hours of that time drawing and arguing about their pay. The new gambling casino, thoughtfully provided and run by Navy Office to soak up the increased leisure time, has required more manpower and already some sections are feeling the pinch. Until more croupiers can be recruited and trained, we must continue to bear this burden. However, you may be reassured that the matter you raised will be kept under constant review.

SLIPSTREAM.

Dear Slipstream,

Do you think there's any future in the Fleet Air Arm?

NEW GIRL.

Dear New Girl,

This question has worried many of you these last few years. We asked our Venerable Aviation Correspondent (who remembers working on the last Sea Fury over 30 years ago). He says that he has always felt insecure ever since slops substituted magnetic suspenders for braces. Be-



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SLIPSTREAM.

Dear Slipstream,

Why is it that so many buildings around the Station have crinkly outsides. Some are crinkly horizontally and some vertically.

When I am painting them I can't help wondering about the increased area caused by the crinkly lines and the consequent wastage of paint.

PERPLEXED.

Dear Perplexed,

Our archeological correspondent investigated this and he says that this was done to make the paint stronger, that is, strong enough to support the building. Many years ago when the buildings were erected, the original coats of paint received their crinkling by shaping sheets of metal in the crinkly form, supporting them on a wooden framework and applying the paint to the outside. After the paint dried, the framework and metal were removed to a new location where the process was repeated. If you look carefully on the inside of some of the buildings, you can still see traces of the wood and metal framework. No doubt some great cataclysm at the time prevented the people from removing it and thus enabled us to discover their ingenious method of paint crinkling.

SLIPSTREAM.

SNIPPET No. 4

NEWS AROUND THE STATION

The new squash courts were officially opened last Wednesday by the President of the Squash Club. In his speech he revealed that the total of squash courts around the station has now reached 194, a most impressive achievement. However, since all usable space has now been utilised, further squash courts will have to be double-decked onto existing courts. Courts are now arriving at the rate of two per year which means our 200th will arrive in 2060 — Great celebrations are in store.

(Slipstream comment:— Our Cynical Correspondent claims that the yearly provision of two squash courts is the result of Works and Housing electronic date processing errors, and that we must now seriously consider the effects of this over-population of squash courts. He is howled down the Squash Club whose Secretar (P.O. Wran Forprez) states that we must think big — their target is 300 by the year 2100 and more if they can get it.

I must now regretfully conclude my peek into the future and return to 1962 and todays problems. The Editor is screaming for copy and says for 2 Ossies he'd pack it all in. However, I've seen enough to know that these lads and lasses in the mid 21st Century are going to need guidance. I must away and bury a time capsule an dmake arrangements for it to be discovered in that period. Paint crinkling indeed !!!

J. P. B.

Sporting Notes



Basketball

The nights of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 21st, 22nd and 23rd May saw the 1962 Eastern Area I.S.S. Basketball draw played out in "D" hangar gymnasium at R.A.N.A.S. Nowra. Spectators were not as numerous as had been expected, no doubt due to the Nowra westerlies and the well-known natural air-conditioning of "D" hangar.

Once again the Navy side's lack of cohesive teamwork was evident, undoubtedly due to the lack of match practice prior to the Series. The contrast afforded by both the R.A.A.F. and Army's team understanding, the result of longer team association, was most apparent and it is to be hoped that in future the Organisers are able to allow the Navy basketballers more time to become acquainted with each others' style of play.

The first game saw the Army team run off a comfortably unspectacular 54-32 winner over Navy. Top scorers for Navy were E.M. "Kanga" Kinross (11) and Mec. 2 Peter Clark (7). It was noted that S.P.O. "Ringer" Wright and L.R.E.M. Bill Hilzinger had one of those unaccountable "off" nights to which all forwards are susceptible.

Navy officiated on the second night in the match in which R.A.A.F. downed Army 48-30 thus ensuring retention of the trophy for the holders, R.A.A.F.

The Wednesday night match, expected to be a cakewalk for R.A.A.F., produced a really exciting game from the spectators' point of view. Navy,



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playing a fast man-to-man game, came within two points of R.A.A.F.'s score early in the second half. An indication of the vigour of the Navy play was the fact that full-time found five Navy players on the bench with 5 personal fouls and that 19 of R.A.A.F.'s points were made from free throws. Top scorers for Navy were Clark (17) and L/Butcher Fred Verco (8), S.A. Reg Hird once again delighting all with his fine defence.

Full Navy line-up was:— S.P.O. Wright (Captain), S.A. Hird, L/Butcher Verco (Watson), A.B. Deakin (Kuttabul), Inst. Lt. Meares, A.M.2 Clark, A.M.2 Llewellyn, E.M. Kinross, L.R.E.M. Hilzinger (Albatross).

Summarising; Army 54 d. Navy 32; R.A.A.F. 48 d. Army 30, R.A.A.F. 59 d. Navy 45, R.A.A.F. thereby retaining the trophy. After the presentation by Captain Mesley, visitors and hosts adjourned to the Sportsmans Club to round off what had been a most friendly series.

The Nowra competition, nearing the end of the first round, has found Albatross team still not quite able to "click" though we have the player potential with which to form a good combination.

The Navy's side tally to date has been two wins, one a forfeit and the other by two points in our last game, much to the delight of captain Peter Clark, who had almost given up hope. It was worth while winning just to see his grin.

Return of the Air Group should see the team strengthened by two of last season's Premiership side, E.M.'s "Spike" Giles and Dave Marks and help to solve our height problem, for, with the exception of Inst. Lieut. Meares, we are all built a bit too close to the deck.

The Inter-part competition is drawing to a close and at this time Engineering is at the top of the ladder with 10 points, Electrical second with 6, S & S and Executive with 4 each and Squadrons and Air Department with minus 2 each.

Albatross Golf Club Notes

Since last issue of Slipstream the Albatross Golf Club has participated in three events as a club. The first of these was the first of the annual Davis Shield matches with Nowra Golf Club, played at Nowra on Anzac Day. The Nowra team had little difficulty in winning the first round, and now Albatross are one down and four to play. We hope to equalise the series on May 30th, on the Albatross course.

A visit to Mollymoke was made by 22 members on May 2nd, and although it was blowing a gale at Nowra, the conditions were ideal down south. L/Stwd Muller topped the scoring for the afternoon, with 35 Stableford points, with C.P.O. Howes running second with 32. It is understood that the locals really looked after their visitors, and wanted to know why we didn't make the trip to Mollymook more often.

An inter-ship match against Penguin-Nirimba, at Nowra, on May 9th, prove another enjoyable day, Albatross maintaining its unbeaten record in both scratch and handicap events. Our visitors enjoyed their game, and agree that Nowra course is quite as good as claimed. Best for Albatross were Cdr. Treloar and C.P.O. Jenkins, with 29 points in the scratch event, and P.O. Dun (35) and C.P.O. Jenkins (34) in the handicap section.

The long awaited return game with Catalina Country Club was set down for Sunday, 13th May. but alas, various cyclonic depressions caused this to be abandoned. However, the game was arranged for the following Sunday (20th) and the day dawned bright and clear. Our guests arrived about mid-day and were suitably entertained in the large marquee

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erected at the course. About 1230 a Fourball versus Par competition got under way, with all players praising the condition of the course and the greens in particular. Despite the relatively good conditions, the scores were not quite as good as expected. C.P.O. J. Gregory and R. Bellette (Catalina) were the winners of the fourball, with a score of 5 up, closely followed by Capt. Mesley and B. Connell, with 4 up. Jack Dunn and A. Davis took out third prize, with plus 3. The long drive on the 5th went to C.P.O. Jenkins, while Catalina's President, Brian Connell, won the nearest the pin at the 13th.

The trophies were presented at the Sportsman's Club, while the nineteenth hole was solidly attacked. Later our guests were entertained for supper at the Petty Officers Mess. These golf days cannot be staged without a considerable amount of effort on the part of many people, and the thanks of all members go to those who contributed to make this day a success. A return game at Catalina has been tentatively arranged for late October this year.

Regular Wednesday competitions will be conducted on the local course in future, for those who don't wish to play at Nowra. Entry fee will be 2/- and balls will be given as trophies. This type of competition will also be run on Sundays as convenient. This will enable all members to gain competition practise, particularly those who have just started learning the game. Players must have a club handicap to be eligible to play, so those who have not submitted their three cards to the handicapper, P.O. Winnem, are reminded to get them in as soon as possible.

The next inter-shipmatch will be against Destroyers and Frigates, to be played at Nowra on June 20th.

"DOGGONE IT MAN — THAT DOG'S GOOD!"

There's a yarn running around the country about a man who reckons that he and he alone knows a good hunting dog. When a friend brought a labrador, they went duck-shooting together and, with the first scent of the birds, the retriever started to tremble in anticipation. "See," jeered the expert, "that animal's shot full of nerves." Then when the birds were about to alight on the water, the labrador stood up, pointed perfectly and bunched his neck muscles. "And look at that," the expert sneered, "all muscle-bound in the shoulder." Well a couple of ducks were brought down and the labrador was off like a flash, moving so fast that he literally walked on the water. This happened twice and never before had a dog moved so swiftly. He literally skimmed on the surface. But the expert had the last say. "You've been really done, son," he said, "you've bought a real no-hoper. It can't even swim!"

"A WIFE? OH THAT THING"

After the last Sydney-Hobart yacht race, one yacht decided to do a little cruising in Tasmania and, on a remote part of the coast, invited aboard an old codger who lived alone in a small hut, doing some fossicking and odd crayfishing. The Sydney slickers wondered how on earth he existed in such loneliness, with not even a radio. "Why don't you get yourself a wife?" one asked. "Ah?" said the hermit, cupping his ear. "A wife? Oh, I had one of 'em once — but the thing died on me."

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Soccer Club

The Albatross Soccer Club season started with a social match against Corrimal Leagues Club on the 1st April. We were given an excellent display of soccer by the Corrimal side, which included no less than five former Australian internationals. While our team put up sturdy opposition, we were no match for Corrimal, who ran out winners, 8 points to 3.

The next two games saw vast improvements in the side's teamwork, and good wins were recorded against Creswell and Sydney Gaslight teams.

From these social matches, a team with several new faces was picked. Cooks Stoneham and May seem to show great promise among the new faces, and have already proved their worth in past matches.

Our first opponents in the Showers Trophy Competition was Penguin, on 23rd May. The match was a keenly contested one and Penguin opened the scoring half way through the first half. Play then ran from goal to goal, as the teams turned on the pressure, but due to very good work on both goal keeper's parts, the score remained unchanged until half time.

In the second half, Albatross worked more as a team, and two goals came to them soon after the kick off. Another goal halfway through the second half secured victory, and the match ended with the score 3 points to 1 in favour of Albatross, putting us one step up the ladder to the Showers Trophy.

We will regret the loss of goalie Max Morgan, in coming competition games, as he is taking up residence in "a little ship." Best of luck in the future, Max. See you for the inter-service matches.

Any reader wishing to become a member of the club should contact either L/A Cole or L/A Knight for particulars.

— "BOGEY."

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"Walk around a bit," said the Doc. "and see how that feels."

After a couple of times around the table the dwarf smiled up at the Doc. and said "Wonderful Doc. just wonderful, but say, just what did you do?"

"Just trimmed off the top of your sea boots," said the Doc. . . .

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Australian Rules

ALBATROSS TOO GOOD FOR PENGUIN-WATSON

FITZGERALD, HILLZINGER, VERCO SHINE

Albatross Australian Rules team proved too strong for the Penguin-Watson combination in the second round match played at Nowra on 18th April.

The side fielded by Penguin-Watson was strong and in the early stages gained the upper hand. But good play by Johnson, Hillzinger, Fitzgerald and Snell enabled the home team to get on top in the last half and run out comfortable winners.

A feature of the afternoons play was the hard fought tussle between Albatross captain and coach Col Mason and Penguin-Watson's centre half back Fred Verco.

In the first quarter Penguin-Watson gave Albatross a torrid time — their play was good in all departments but they really excelled in the rucks. The man doing most damage to Albatross was Caple.

First goal of the match came from Roberts of Penguin-Watson seconds later however Albatross rover Rutzou cleared to full-forward Partridge who equalised.

Penguin-Watson kept up the pressure. Caple, Frost, Winner and Watson were playing like tigers, Albatross wilted momentarily and Brown put one through for the visitors.

Albatross fought back. Rover Johnson passed to Earle who goaled making the scores even once more.

Two goals came before the quarter ended one from Penguin-Watson's full forward Trevor Dick and the other from Albatross forward Alan Mason who was playing his first game for the home team.

Seconds before the break big Penguin-Watson ruckman Watson took a spectacular mark in the forward pocket but failed to capitalise.

In the second quarter Albatross began to forge ahead and in the opening minutes, Johnson, Earle and Col Mason goaled.

However Penguin-Watson fought grimly and ruckmen Watson and Caple were doing a power of work.

At this stage the kicking of both sides was wild and few players sought their man before dispatching the ball.

Rover Johnson was playing well for Albatross in this quarter his handling was safe and he managed to add 3 goals to his tally.

Fitzgerald began to warm up in the second quarter also and Penguin-Watson's Peter Winter was struggling to stop the big fellow.

Right on half time a tussle developed in Penguin-Watson's goal mouth, Johnson gathered for Albatross and goaled.

The half time scores were:

ALBATROSS 10 7 PENGUIN 4 2

After half time Albatross really began to get on top, play opened with Fitzgerald clearing to Stublington but the result was only a point.

Penguin-Watson attacked strongly but Hillzinger crushed any hope they had of scoring.

The powerful Fitzgerald drop kicked a beauty downfield to Penguin-Watson's goal mouth and after a brief ruck Col Mason goaled for Albatross.

Albatross full back Bill Hillzinger found his ground in this quarter, his solid defence killed any hope Penguin-Watson had of breaking through.

Although Albatross was coming out the better Penguin-Watson refused to go down without a fight. Verco was trying hard for the red sweaters.

Albatross may have built a huge score in this quarter if their kicking had been a little straighter Rutzou, Col Mason, Fitzgerald and Stublington all missed out just before three quarter time.

In the last quarter Penguin-Watson held Albatross in the early stages but Hillzinger still prevented any break through by the visitors.

Albatross rover Rutzou gathered and cleared to full forward Alan Mason who made no mistake. Immediately afterwards Col Mason put one through for the home team.

During the last quarter Davis and Stublington began to play better, in the previous quarters they had been battling all the way.

The struggle between Col Mason and Verco became quite interesting in the last quarter, Verco secured the ball on several occasions and dispatched some fine kicks down the middle.

Penguin-Watson's ruckman, Watson, miskicked in front of his own goal and Alan Mason marked for Albatross and goaled.

A little later Rutzou collected a six pointer for the locals. The kick travelled 30 yards and never left the ground.

In the closing minutes Penguin-Watson attacked strongly but without any great success Winter, Clarke and Dick were trying hard but the Albatross defence kept them out.

Final scores:-

ALBATROSS 18 20 128 PENGUIN-WATSON 6 3 39

Goal scorers:

ALBATROSS 18 (A. Mason 4, Johnson 4, Partridge 3, C. Mason 3, Earle 2, Rutzou 1).

PENGUIN-WATSON 6 (Roberts 3, Dick 2, Brown 1).

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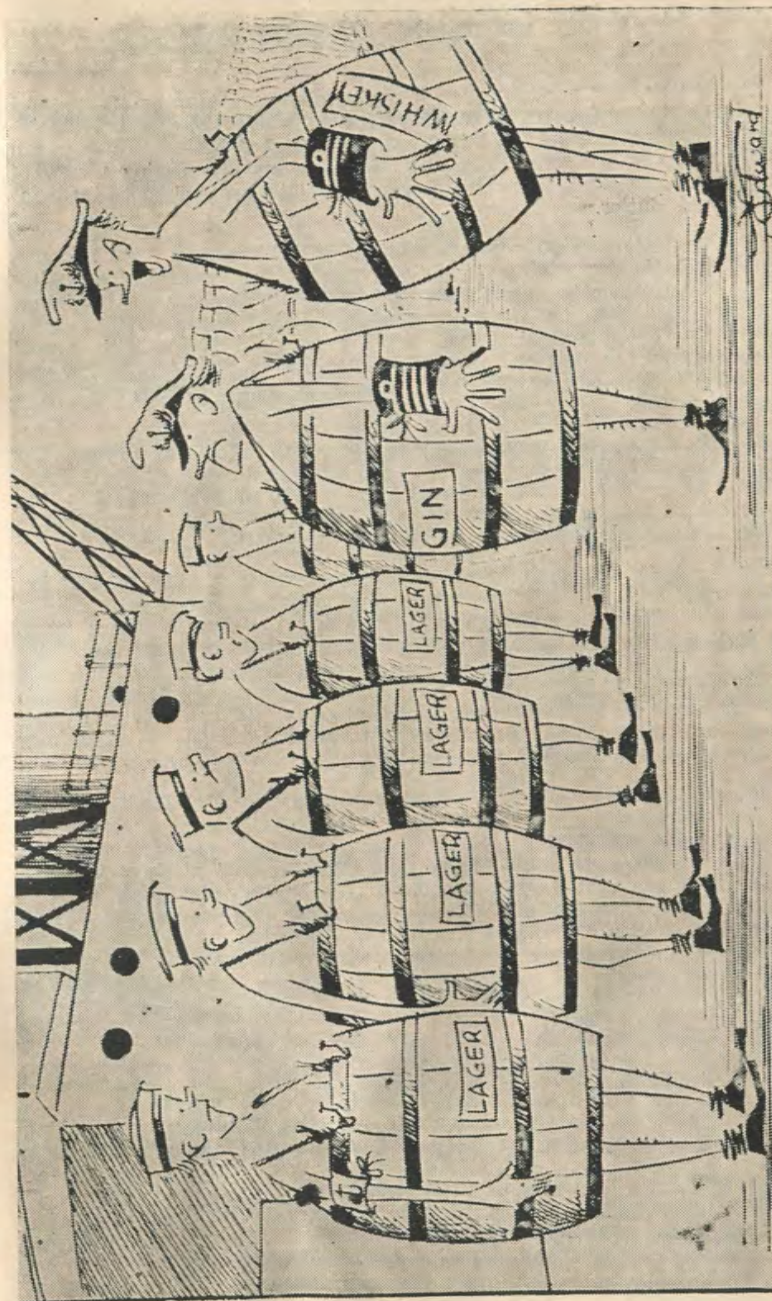
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"It seems we all backed the same horse, Sir."

R.A.N. Gliding Association

The R.A.N. Gliding Association is again following an active programme this year with a course at Jervis Bay airstrip where the Cadet Midshipmen are training and an "ab-initio" course here at Albatross which began in February. At the same time, the solo members are getting plenty of flying experience and the more advanced pilots are being trained for instructional duties.

The Association extends congratulations to C/M Salmon, C/M Leonard and Craig Davis, for attaining their "C" Certificates recently. To qualify for the "C" Certificate, pilots have to remain airborne for a minimum of 15 minutes, solo. We also congratulate C.P.O. Don Daniels, in his winning the Peter Arnold Award for the period 1960-61. This award was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold in memory of their son, Peter, and is awarded to the best "ab-initio" students up to solo standard for each 12 month period.

Full honours and congratulations to Keith (Darky) Hodges, for winning the "Stamina" trophy on Christmas Day, at the State Championships, 1961. The trophy is awarded to the pilot who makes the longest flight for the 12 month period. Keith flew from Narromine to Byrock, a distance of 160 miles, taking 6½ hours for the trip.

Highlight for the club to date this year was our visit to Camden on Saturday, 17th March. The principal aim of this visit was to attend the N.S.W. Gliding Association general meeting, and the Southern Cross Club invited us to have a day's gliding with them to experience the better soaring conditions at Camden. We took our Kooka. Mk. Iv with us, and all had a very enjoyable day. The weather was beautiful and it was ideal for soaring. Keith Hodges was invited to fly the "Joey," which weighs only 120lbs., and is the smallest glider in Australia, and Jeff Strickland flew Vic Kasak's American BG 12 on an aero-tow.

Several of the Southern Cross members flew in our glider, and we were all interested in the many types of gliders there. On completion of the meeting and flying, a barbecue was held, and most of us arrived back here in the early hours of the morning. We invited them to come here for a return visit, and they arrived here on Saturday, 12th May.

Although the weather was slightly damp, four hours were spent flying until dark and then a barbecue was held at Jervis Bay airstrip, and Capt. Peel joined the party there. Owing to the bad weather, the visitors remained overnight, and travelled back to Sydney on Sunday, leaving their long wing Kooka here.

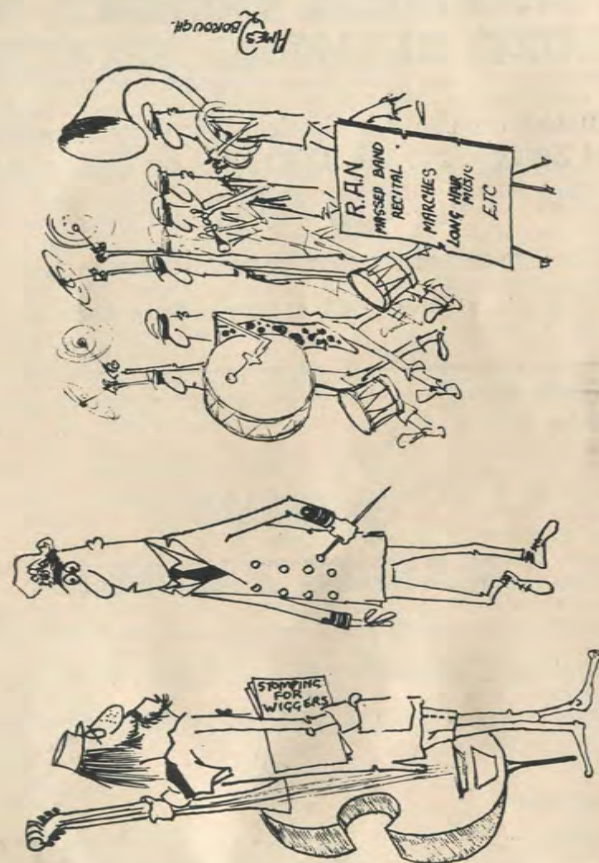
Over the Easter period, plans were made for our club to attempt cross-country trips from Albatross to Ulladulla and to Albion Park. However, owing to insufficient thermal activity, the flying was restricted to the local area and a solid number of trips were logged.

The club extends congratulations to Musician Bob Breen in making his solo flight on Saturday, 19th May, and attaining his "A" certificate. The Southern Cross boys also arrived on that day to collect their glider, and did some more flying here before returning.

In about a month's time we will be losing Jeff Strickland to the big "outside" world, and we will be sorry to see him go, as for four years he has been President and Chief Flying Instructor, and the club has benefitted greatly from his efforts in these capacities. Keith Hodges is now the President and Chief Flying Instructor, and he too, has put a lot of effort into improving the club, and is well qualified for the job.

For the statistically minded, the club carried out 412 flights and logged 53 hours 45 minutes in March, 348 flights and 40 hours 14 minutes for April, giving a grand total of 16,526 flights and 1,744 hours 6 minutes since the beginning of operations.

If anyone is interested in gliding, enquiries may be directed to C.P.O. Hodges, at the Sheet Metal Workshop, ext. 364.



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All set, I gave the magic words (I know them now) and we were off! Everything was going smoothly until we were at about 150-200 feet, and I was pulling the stick back to reach the required climb angle, when suddenly there was a loud “Bang!” and our acceleration rapidly became deceleration! Calmly, I pulled the cable release twice, I think, and, being so calm, almost yanked it right out of the aircraft. The stick was suddenly wrenched out of my hand and quickly pushed forward, just in time to prevent a stall! I could hear the instructor making those strangling noises agani (he really should see a doctor). Recovering quickly, he told me to land straight down the strip, which I did reasonably well — there may be hope for me yet!

While pushing the aircraft the half mile or so back to the starting point, he explained to me that I should have pushed the stick forward first, as it was very easy to finish up in a mangled heap after stalling at that height. I knew this, but had forgotten in my moment of calmness, so to speak. Surprisingly, he said to get in again for another try. That fiver must have been burning in his pocket.

This time we got away very well, and at 1400 feet, as we hit the top of the launch, the cloud was just beginning to wisp around us. Routine now—trim to the required glide angle — air speed constant at 40-45 knots — let it fly itself and enjoy the scenery below. “Okay,” said the instructor, “Since you nearly stalled before, I’ll show you how to do one and recover from it. Ease the stick back—air speed falling off—pull it hard into the stomach — here we go!”

Well, the bottom fell out of everything and my stomach was in my mouth (almost literally) and stopped me from screaming aloud. “Push stick forward to centralise — ease back out of the dive, and there we are.” Looking at me with a malicious grin on his face, he said that there wasn’t any paper bags, and to control myself. That didn’t help me much, but the “ecchy” feeling in my tum soon settled down, but he spoiled it all when he said “All yours! Do the stall yourself, now.”

“Be brave,” I said to myself. “If he can do it, so can I (gulp) I hope.” Stick coming back—speed falling off—pull insto stomach (ouch! ecch! burp! excuse me!) nose pointed at the deck (HELP) — spinning to the right—full left rudder, now—stick to the left and a little forward to stop another stall, and level out. Phew! Made it!

“My gosh,” he said. “How did you manage that?” “Surprise, surprise!” I replied. Little did he know that I had found out how the day before. He reckoned I might make a pilot yet.

Righto—down to 600 feet—time to go home! The downwind leg over the trees, then across on the crosswind leg—ease the air brakes on the final turn—200 feet—ease her down. “Keep it straight!” he yelled. “Get your eyes off the pitot tube!” Hands and feet were working overtime—the damn thing won’t go straight! I must be hypnotised by that darn tube. “Bumpety Bump!” Hell! Where did the deck come from? Ah, well, we’re down anyway.”

As we climbed out of the glider, mopping the sweat off us, he glared at me, then burst out laughing, as did the rest of the boys. I don’t

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know what was funny, because I felt far from laughing, as I crawled on hands and knees to the edge of the strip. I couldn't help it if my legs wouldn't hold me up, could I?

— THE EAGLE.



Squash

Albatross was the venue for the 1962 Inter-Service Squash held on 16th May. The results already published were:—

Army defeated R.A.A.F. 3-2; R.A.A.F. defeated Navy 3-2; Army defeated Navy 3-2.

In a three-way match it is doubtful if a closer result could have been obtained, especially as all matches were very close. The Navy selector had the difficult task of selecting the best 5 from a team of 10 players of equal ability. The "form" players, either through "off" days or over-practice, were not as apparent as had been thought.

Winners for the Navy were Surgeon Lieutenant MacDonald, Sergeant Marsden N.D.P. (2 rubbers) and Father McDonald. All the other rubbers were closely contested with Lieutenant Wells giving a very good account of himself as Navy No. 1 player. If he had a little more than 3 days training, the results could have been quite different.

Captain Mesley presented the trophy to the Army captain — Captain A. Noonan R.A.A. A successful get-together was then held in the Sportsmans Club.

An interesting feature of the competition was that the oldest player in each Service was undefeated. Captain Noonan in fact has played for 27 years — the average age of the Navy team!

The local Nowra matches are almost completed with both our teams certain to reach the semi-finals.

"EX-SELECTOR."

OBITUARY

We are sorry to note that ex-Chief Petty Officer Sidney Walter Martin died on 23rd May, aged 55.

C.P.O. Martin joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1925 and before retiring in 1955 saw service in many parts of the world and was well known in his capacity as Coxswain on several ships, Chief Boatswains Mate in Flinders Naval Depot, President of Chief Petty Officers Messes in Penguin and F.N.D. and some may remember his early service in Submarines.

A Service will be held at Sea in one of H.M.A. Ships in the near future in memoriam.

Inspired by a reference in the Portsmouth "Evening News," a number of World War I Wrens met for a reunion in Portsmouth recently to share reminiscences of their "serving" days. The eldest, sprightly 75-year-old Mrs. Jackson, recalled her training days under a Royal Marine captain at the

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A recruit, with smiling face, confronted his Chief on return from week-end leave. "Well Chief, I finally got my girl friend to say yes." "Congratulations," said the Chief. "When is the wedding?" "What wedding?" was the reply.

During a recent trip up north aboard the "Melbourne," the Ship's Company was very pleased on a few occasions to have a dip over the ship's side. On one of these occasions the swimmers were accompanied by a veteran of many years service with a rather shiny bald pate.

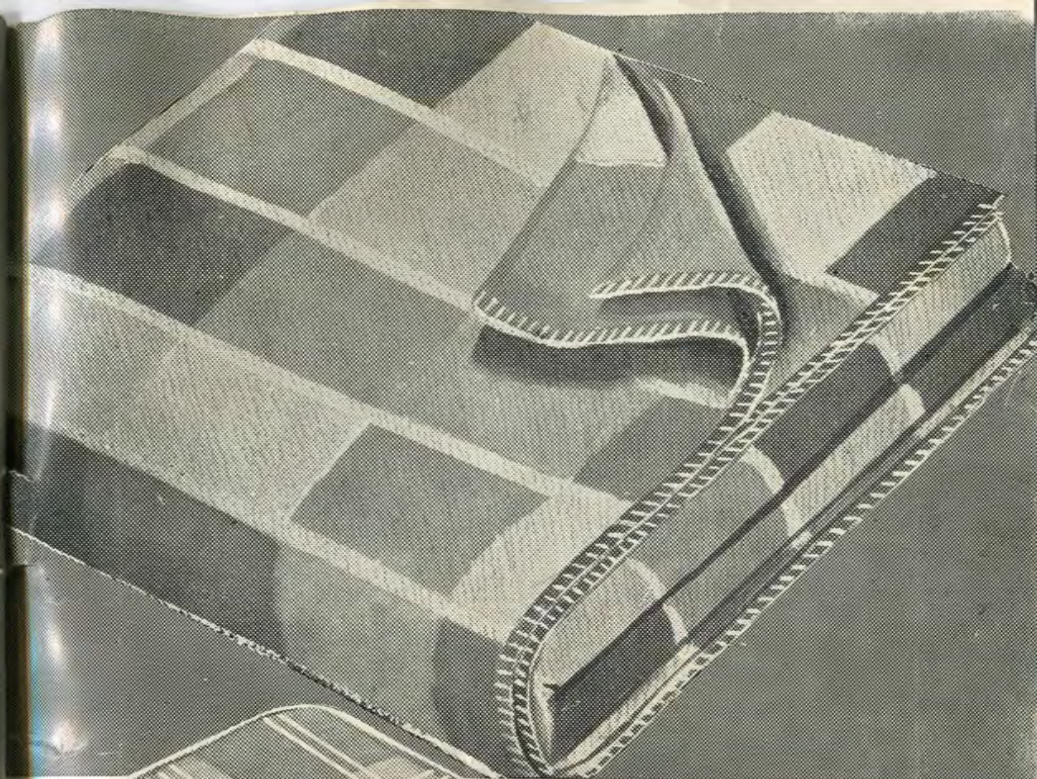
When the swimmers were recalled to the ship's ladder our veteran was met by a very Junior Sub. who saw him drifting in and clouted him a beauty on his shiny dome with the inevitable telescope, and was heard to say in a loud voice "Perhaps that will teach you to be funny, now go down again and come up the right way."

AIR MINISTRY ORDER A.158/59

"(c) Warrant Officers, Master Technicians and Master Aircrews are to wear black socks with No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 dresses and with No. 7 dress when trousers are worn."

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