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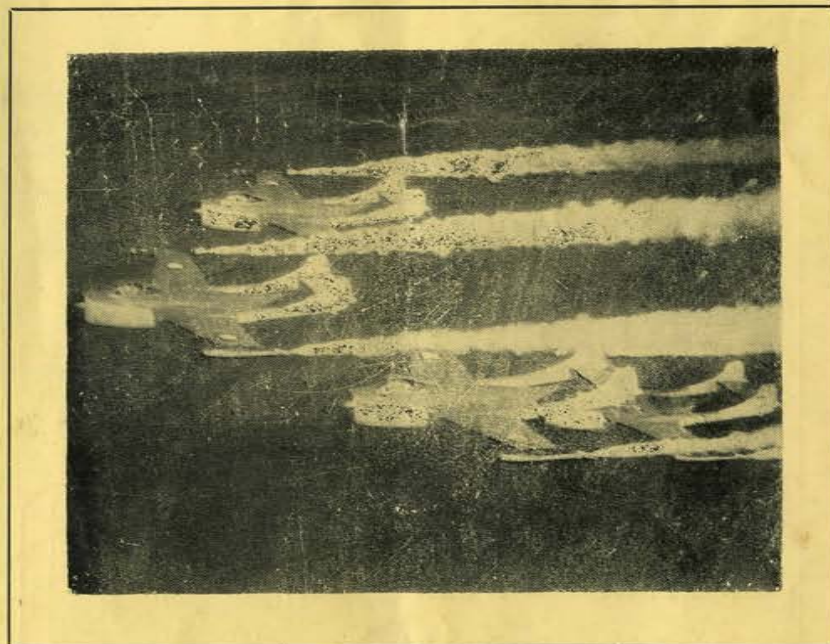
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EDITORIAL

ONLY 17 WEEKS until Christmas and already we are being reminded! As we approach the end of August we can be thankful that Winter has virtually passed unnoticed — famous last words.

It is indeed a busy time for the Station. The Albatross contingent for the Royal Guard left on Monday and are free for a while from the rigors of preparing for Admiral's Inspection. There is much feverish activity in all departments and I trust that the printers will excuse the paint blots which are forming as I write. I am looking forward to the usual deluge of wonderful material that seems to come forward each year around this time and I hope the cartoonists have all returned from leave.

Congratulations are due to the Captain for the honour which Her Majesty the Queen has bestowed on him.

This month we had a visit from Group Captain Chaudry of the Pakistan Air Force. It is understood that he was very favourably impressed with the Station in general.

This month we start a new feature — Our Naval Heritage — which is a brief outline of the part the Royal Australian Navy played in the Second World War. It should particularly appeal to the younger members who would not have been very interested at the actual time. September 2 is the anniversary of the signing of surrender by the Japanese in U.S.S. Missouri at which nine R.A.N. ships were present.

In conclusion a gentle reminder to you all to keep the articles coming in for our next issue on September 22.

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PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER J. SCOTT-HOLLAND, R.A.N.

Our bearded personality this month is a stranger to H.M.A.S. Albatross (except for brief visits for A.J.A.S.S. courses). It is his first contact in 21 years of service with this new, strange and fascinating Navy — "The Fleet Air Arm"

He was born on the rugged Blackall Range in Queensland on a mixed farming property where he spent his childhood days, later moving to Brisbane to finish high school education.

With World War II in progress, he wasted no time in getting to sea and at the age of 16 he was running in convoys across to India, Ceylon, Burma areas; he was later, in 1942, in H.M. Transport "Tanda" when attacked and sunk by a German submarine on passage from Madagascar to Bombay on the West Coast of India. He was officially reported as "lost at sea by enemy action" but was one of the lucky survivors who were later picked up by an Indian Naval Ship, the HMIS "Hindistan."

On return to Australia he served in the Solomon Islands and throughout the Pacific Islands as a special entry Midshipman in several small ships, including the famous old "V" class destroyer, H.M.A.S. "Vendetta" and later as a S/Lt. commander of the H.M.A.S. "John Oxley"

At the end of the war there was still an important job to be done in the 20th Mine Sweeping Flotilla, and he was appointed to one of the ships, the H.M.A.S. "Mildura," serving as navigating Officer for several years engaged in the hazardous and laborious task of sweeping and clearing our minefields, through the Solomon Islands, New Britain and

New Guinea, finishing up on the Australian coast. He was present when one of the ships of the Flotilla, the H.M.A.S. "Warnambool," struck a mine and sank in the Great Barrier Reef off the Queensland coast.

He was promoted to a Lieutenant in 1947, when serving with the 20th Flotilla.

When the mine sweeping was finished and the Flotilla paid off he was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Tarakan," where he served as Navigating Officer until the fatal day when the ship blew up alongside Garden Island, Sydney, killing some 12 of the Ship's Company.

The next appointment was to the cruiser H.M.A.S. "Hobart" followed by taking command of a small ship (H.M.A. DT 933) operating from H.M.A.S. "Tarangau" which was employed on Intelligence Patrols through the Solomons, New Britain, New Ireland, New Guinea and the Western Islands and all surrounding Islands; this proved to be a most interesting commission, in some cases visiting places where white men had rarely, if ever, been.

The Korean War had now started so it was back to the battle front. He flew to Japan to catch the frigate H.M.A.S. "Murchison" and spent 12 months in Korean waters; almost all the time spent in the treacherous water of the Han River on the West coast where the ship was damaged during operations on several occasions by enemy gun fire from shore batteries which were concealed under hay stacks on the river banks; harassing bombardments were carried out every 30 minutes day and night while dead bodies floated past in the swirling, muddy waters.

From Korean waters back to the clean, blue and peaceful home waters. Alas! Just in time to be appointed to H.M.A.S. "Culgoa" as Navigating Officer and return to the Far East for another commission and back to the bitterly cold Korean Winter with its ice and snow and the familiar muddy swirling treacherous waters of the West coast.

The Korean War was drawing to a peaceful settlement and "Culgoa" returned to Australia. Another appointment and this time ashore — for the first time in 12 years of continuous sea time he was appointed as O.I.C. Officers' Courses in Flinders Naval Depot, where he saw most of the present young Fleet Air Arm Officers starting their careers. On the 10th November, 1955, at the age of 29, he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander, and he was shortly after appointed in Command of H.M.A.S. "Gladstone." Then two years in Command of H.M.A.S. "Wagga" and a further Commission in Command of the scientific ship H.M.A.S. "Kookaburra."

The next move took him to Western Australia as Staff Operations and Intelligence Officer to N.O.I.C.W.A., then back to sea as Executive Officer of the new Daring Class destroyer H.M.A.S. "Vendetta."

At the beginning of 1961 he moved to H.M.A.S. "Watson" as First Lieutenant, and after 18 months was appointed to H.M.A.S. "Albatross" as First Lieutenant for an unknown period.

He is keen on all outdoor sports, a lover of trees and gardens, and a very keen farmer. Already behind the Pig Farm you will find the plough turning the sods ready for the sowing of what is hoped to be, a bumper crop.

A Naval Airman in Balmoral, recovering from a minor operation, was awakened from a nap by a knock on the door. "Who goes there?" he enquired warily, "Friend or enema?"

ANGELS CORNER

In electricity one often hears the word "ode" such as an-ode, cath-ode, and "poor ode _____ He's past it." The following is an electrical odd ode.

"On the Wardroom lawn the Parramatta stood
The Wessex blades were looking odd,
With little lights at their extreme,
The answer to an L.O.'s dream.
Then up jumped one of purple hue
Said "This here lot just will not do"
Before the Champ could stop the rot
Pulled on wires and fused the lot.
The ogre of this story is plain to see
Last months "History of Electricity"
So before you Engineers starting rubbing Amber
Stop rubbing Electricians against the Camber."
End of ode.

With the M.A.G. now on its way again the Department can settle back to a more peaceful existence. No longer do we have one L.O. shouting for workshops to be opened at night while the other pesters for lunch time opening. No doubt these two worthies are Victorians who are a little confused about licencing hours. It is of interest to note that having bowed before the onslaught there was — no requirement.

A certain L.O. looks like missing his ship again, in fact it is getting such a habit that no doubt his next appointment letter will read "To join at his own convenience," however, we wish him a speedy recovery from his illness and would advise him to avoid contact with five to fifteen year olds who apparently are the biggest carriers of this complaint.

We would point out to S. Criptus Purpillicus that the 'L' department seems to spare the majority of its sportsmen for Interservice competitions and this does make it a little difficult to do well in mere Interpart games but then perhaps S.C.P. was aware of this and merely hid the facts.

Naval Electrical Industries has been asked for comment, no doubt to aid Purple Empire members in grasping the basic fundamentals of electricity. Perhaps the most important component today is the electronic valve. These differ greatly from the on/off type used by the plumbers even though the flow from sender (cathode) to receiver (anode) can be varied by the tap (grid). The easiest way to explain the operation of the valve is to compare it with the 'L' department divisional system.

First we have the anode (requestman) and the cathode (divisional officer) and the current flow (requests) between them. If the flow becomes too liberal it becomes necessary to introduce a regulator to restrict. This is called the grid (Commander 'L'). Of course the grid can be biased and if this is done the right way it is possible to exaggerate the flow and get away with more than before — this is known as amplification. At this stage it becomes necessary to introduce a moderator or suppressor (the Captain). The feed between suppressor and grid is such that many peculiar effects may take place at the anode (requestman) and complete stoppage (not granted) or vibration (stand over) may be but two of these.

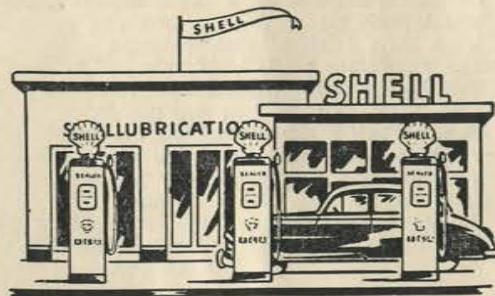
There are two forms of cathode heating necessary for current flow — the direct and the indirect. The direct form is comparable to the D.O. who makes his own decisions — not very common these days. The indirect is like the D.O. who seeks outside assistance — very common and becoming moreso especially with the Purple ascendancy to power.

Any further advice will be gladly given.

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“I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD”

The strength of the Jewish and the Christian Faiths rests in the fact that both their creeds start by saying the same thing. The Jewish faith starts by proclaiming that “the Lord our God is one God” and the christian says much the same thing when he says “I believe in one God.”

ELIJAH AND AHAB

In the eighteenth and nineteenth chapters of the first book of the Kings we get a vivid account of life among the Jews in the second quarter of the ninth century BC. On the death of Solomon the United Kingdom of Israel and Judah had crumbled and with this went the loss of political leadership and moral leadership. The Jews had settled in the fertile region of Canaan and although they had conquered the peoples of that area, they had never absorbed them, and indeed disdained to bring them into the fellowship of the People of God. There were, therefore always two possibilities of decay to the Jewish Monarchy. The first was the plottings and coalitions of the Canaanites against the Jews, and this started as soon as the strong hand of Solomon was removed. The second was more insidious and more dangerous because it attacked the Jews at what should have been their strongest point — it attacked their religion. The Canaanites worshipped the Baals, which were the fertility-gods of the country, and many of the simple Jewish farmers joined the Canaanites in their harvest festivals and sent sacrifices for the increase of their crops and herds. They probably thought that there was no harm in this and imagined that they were being broad-minded in joining their neighbours in worship, particularly as it was associated with the land. They had no detailed knowledge of the worship of the Baals—a worship that was obscene, cruel and abominable.

Matters gradually degenerated until Ahab came to the throne in 876 BC. His wife was Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal, the king of Tyre, and she brought with her the corrupt and licentious worship of both Baal and Astarte. She has been described as the Lady Macbeth of the Old Testament, and she was an evil woman, completely in the grip of her foul religion. She was determined to stamp out the Jewish faith in God. The Jews, therefore, were faced with a national apostasy that had its lead given in the highest quarter, and to which no opposition was allowed.

Into this, quite abruptly, comes Elijah the prophet, raised up by God to stem the tide of heathenism, and to rescue Israel from paganism. To Elijah, the Baals on the one side, and God on the other, represented a clash of principles—they could not both be right. Most of us know the story of the test, with the failure of the priests of Baal and the triumph of the lonely Elijah.

If this had been all that Elijah had done he would still be one of the great ones in the history of mankind. But instead of a final and complete victory he was faced at once with disaster and death. Jezebel the Queen was angered at the defiance of her wishes and this demonstration of the falsity of her religion, and she at once put his life in jeopardy. An angry queen in those days of absolute power made a terrible enemy. In Elijah we see a very sudden and very human moral collapse. It appeared to him that his great venture of faith had gone for nothing, and his spiritual pride turned to that grave sin which we call despair. He prayed that he might be allowed to die.

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What an extraordinary and what a very human touch! It brings Elijah right into the fellowship of us all as we learn of his failings and his surmounting of them. He had done a tremendous thing for the Kingdom of God, and his pride was hurt when he thought that his efforts were in vain. He had to learn more about God and this he did when he fled to Horeb and found that God was not to be found in the whirlwind, nor yet in the fire, but in the still small voice.

What does this old story have to do with us to-day? I think it is relevant because, after all these years, there is still apostasy to be recognised and attacked. The twentieth century christian may not have to fight against Baals, but he has to bear his witness against the false gods — national selfishness, the lure of money, worldliness and self-indulgence. And there is the other witness of Elijah that we must face in our spiritual lives. The temptation to give way to despair and defeatism is always present and is an active weapon of the devil. We have to learn, as Elijah did, that we are not the final judges of the things that matter. The last word is with God.

—CHAPLAIN J. TRAINER, R.A.N.

SPORT

In the recent international fixtures, the English touring side showed convincing supremacy on the Rugby field. Despite the big build up the locals received before the Tests, and the forecasts about the "aged" look of the tourists, the visitors left no doubt about their skill and ability.

However, the tour left a bad taste behind. Charges and counter charges of unnecessarily rough play, deliberate spitefulness, in a nut shell — bad sportsmanship — brought no honour on those concerned of either side, and in general on the code itself. Mind you, I am not inferring either — (to anticipate the outcry from the Rugbyites) — that the exponents of our National code are exempt from having a "dip on the sly" either. But the truth of these allegations against the nations' top sportsmen seems to indicate that perhaps the professional approach to sport is now no longer for some in accord with the definition and understanding of the term.

It would seem there exists to-day a double norm of behaviour with some sportsmen one for the football or sports arena, and the other what is expected of a normal citizen in our community. But surely if sport fulfills its purpose, there should not exist this separate code of behaviour, but rather a mutual integration of each other?

Sport which tends to perfect our bodies, must be kept in its place. It is not an end in itself but must be directed to the perfection of the intellectual as well as the physical side of man. Education in sport WILL tend to develop the faculties of intellect and will, if the correct approach is had. To the former, especially in competitive contests, by development of good judgement, wise use of energy, skilful anticipation of opponents' moves, ability to correct mistakes, etc.

More difficult the training of the will. Here is the source of the legitimate desire to win, the application to rigid training the subordination to team effort, modesty in victory, cheerfulness in defeat, patience with spectators and the man in "white," the "guts" to keep going when being down, etc., etc.

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These qualities do not come naturally to all, they are the fruit of effort and discipline, and are evident in real champions. I guess the word "temperament" covers many of them.

And furthermore, the human body has a dignity as a creature of God. This dignity is endowed even more, because God Himself became man, to give human nature a precedence over all other created form. To inflict deliberate bodily harm is an abuse that cannot be sanctioned in sport, any more than can common assault be countenanced over the picket fence. When one plays sport, one consents to risk of injury within the code of law of the sport, but not to injury or harm resulting from deliberate intention to maim.

So you sportsmen, get to it — play hard, train hard; play fearlessly and with courage. Show the qualities of a champion sportsman, even though not all possess the physical accomplishments.

— H. McDONALD, Chaplain.

R.A.N. GLIDING ASSOCIATION

The Gliding Club continued to operate over the leave period at Albatross, and apart from some windy days, logged quite a few hours.

In the past two months, several dual-instruction students have passed to solo flying, and the club extends congratulations to Bob Green on attaining his A and B class certificates; Don Greig, Peter Martin and Barry Lister for getting their A certificates. There should be a few more going solo in the next few weeks.

With the influx of recruits to Albatross, the roll-up to gliding at week-ends is becoming rather large and it will be necessary to operate one dual Kookaburra aircraft at the Jervis Bay airstrip to handle the numbers.

A new course for the Cadet Midshipmen at Creswell is expected to begin in September and this will entail more solid instructing by C.P.O. "Darkey" Hodges, and one other of our more experienced instructors at Jervis Bay airstrip.

After our visit to R.A.A.F. Richmond to give them experience in gliding operations and flying techniques, Sergeant Jack Braidy spent quite a few week-ends here to pass out as a solo pilot. He was already qualified as a power pilot and gained his A and B certificate with little trouble. He is taking a strong interest in developing the proposed club at Richmond.

We are sorry to see Geoff Strickland leave us for the "outside" world. However, we hope to see him from time to time in an official capacity in the gliding world.

At the present time, the aim of the club is to gain more experience for the entry of the club in the National Gliding Championships, to be held at Narromine in Central N.S.W.

We are hoping to enter two flying teams with the necessary ground crew. The Championships commence on 28th December, 1962. After participating in the previous two championships, the experience gained is expected to pay off this time, so we'll be standing by for some success — we hope. Irrespective of winning or losing, the experience gained by associating and operating with the many clubs and the better soaring conditions is invaluable to the individuals, and therefore the club as a whole.

During the month of June, the club logged 23 hours 59 mins., for 241 flights.

OUR NAVAL HERITAGE — 1940

Chronology of Second World War

- January
First Australian Troop Convoy — 6th Division to Egypt.
- June 3
Evacuation of Dunkirk.
- June 11
At war with Italy.
- June 13
H.M.A.S. VOYAGER sank Italian submarine.
- June 17
France capitulated.
- June 28
Mediterranean — Force of cruisers and destroyers, including H.M.A.S. SYDNEY engaged three Italian destroyers. One "ESPERO" sunk and survivors taken aboard H.M.A.S. SYDNEY.
- July 1
H.M.A.S. STUART sank an Italian submarine between Crete and African coast.
- July 9
Battle of Calabria. Mediterranean Fleet, including H.M.A.S. SYDNEY and the 10th Destroyer Flotilla led by H.M.A.S. STUART, engaged Italian fleet of two battleships, twelve cruisers and flotilla of destroyers. An Italian cruiser and battleship was damaged and a destroyer sunk.
- July 19
Crete: Action off Spada. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY in company with British destroyers, HAVOC, HYPERIAN, HASTY, HERO, ILEX, Italian cruiser BARTOLOMEO COLLEONI sunk by SYDNEY'S gunfire.
- August
H.M.A.S. ADELAIDE supported Free French in Noumea.
- August 13-19
H.M.A.S. HOBART in Somaliland evacuation.
- August 23-24
H.M.A.S. SYDNEY, WATERHEN and STUART took part in bombardment in Italian Base in Gulf of Bomba.
- September 4
H.M.A.S. SYDNEY with H.M.S. ILEX bombarded Scarpanto Island. Attacked by five E boats. ILEX destroyed two of the boats.
- September 14-25
H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA participated in British action off Dakar.
- September 29
H.M.A.S. STUART sank Italian submarine.
- October 2
H.M.A.S. SYDNEY bombarded Port Maltesana on the Dodecanse Island of Stampalia.
- November 11
H.M.A.S. SYDNEY with British Ships including destroyers NUBIAN and MOHAWK, engaged in action an enemy convoy of 4 merchant vessels, coming from Port of Valona. All enemy ships hit and damaged and one was seen to sink. British ships suffered no casualties.



● LT. CDR. R. CHAMPION R.N. presenting the Rear Admiral Shower's Trophy to L.A.M. Cole, the Captain of the winning team for 1962.

Albatross Philatelic Society

New stamps issued during 1962 have been few and far between where Australia is concerned. The new 2d, to complete the current definitive series depicting the Queen's head, was introduced at the beginning of the year, as was the 1/2 Tiger Cat, to complete the flora and fauna series.

The next stamp introduced was the 5d to commemorate John McDonald Stuart's crossing of Australia. This stamp is still currently on sale for those collectors who have not yet made their purchase.

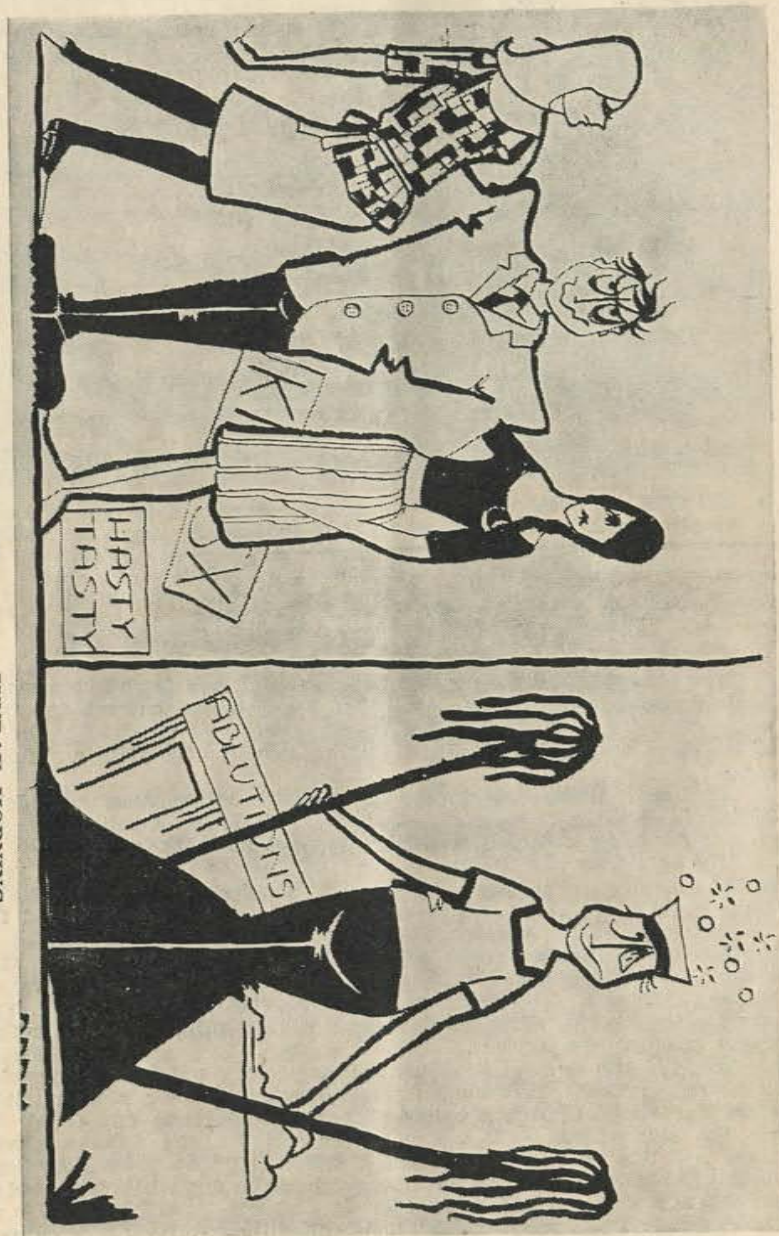
The next issue of new stamps will take place at the end of the year, at the time opening of the 7th British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Perth. There will be only two values printed — the 5d for local postage, and the 2/3 for overseas airmail.

The cheaper value depicts a view of Perth from King's Park with a superimposed representation of the Kangaroo's Paw, national flower of Western Australia. The dearer value depicts the Arms of Perth, host city for the Games. Both these stamps will be printed by the multi-colour photogravure process.

There is also news of the Christmas issue, now proving very popular in several countries. Australia's stamp this year will be a representation of an early 16th Century wood carving of the Madonna and Child.

The club members, though small in number, are still keen and there has been much buying activity in the Sydney Stamp Auctions during the past few months, and several bargains have been obtained.

There are several known collectors in the country who don't belong to the Society yet. Why not contact the members and keep up with current philatelic gossip.



NOTORIOUS

BY J. P. BIESTLEY

A man was always boasting to his friends that he was well known to everybody. Two of them were determined to teach him a lesson for being such a braggart but soon ran into difficulties because, strangely enough, everybody they spoke to did know him. "Grinrod," they usually said, "I should say I do know him" — and they would go on to relate some experience in which Grinrod had played a leading part.

This was disconcerting to say the least, and they were beginning to despair of ever achieving their aim. However, one night as they were discussing ways and means over a glass of beer, one of them had a brilliant idea. "Let's take Grinrod to London," he said "I bet he isn't known to the people there."

Funnily enough, Grinrod didn't seem disturbed by their disbelief. Instead he came up with a proposition when they told him of their intention to take him to London. "The only way to convince you is for you to lose money trying to humiliate me — what about a sporting wager — say £1000 — that I can meet any three people you can name, and that they will know me."

Having come this far, the pair of them knew they had to accept the bet, or else Grinrod would make them a laughing stock. They decided to make it real hard for Grinrod to win. "All right," they told him, "You're on, we'll give you £1000 and expenses if you can satisfy us that you are known to three people — The Prime Minister of Great Britain will be first — we'll tell you the others as we progress — we don't want you making any arrangements beforehand." Grinrod agreed.

From then on they never let Grinrod out of their sight, and travelled together up to London the next day. They arrived at Downing Street whereupon Grinrod spoke. "Look, I can't just barge in on such a busy man with you two just for the sake of our bet. Would it satisfy you if I went alone to the door — you can see me — I'll knock and if I am admitted and stay awhile would that fulfil the conditions?"

The two friends conferred, and admitted that Grinrod's submission was a reasonable one. They agreed that to gain admittance through the famous door of No. 10 Downing Street would satisfy the conditions.

Away went Grinrod, spoke a word or two to the policeman on duty and then knocked on the door. A servant came to the door, he and Grinrod exchanged conversation, and his friends were amazed to see him admitted. After an hour, the door opened, Grinrod emerged and rejoined them. "Did you really see the Prime Minister?" they asked. "Yes of course I did," he replied, "As a matter of fact he was pleased to see me again, and pressed me to stay to lunch, but I couldn't let you stay out here too long, so I refused." "Who's the next?"

His friends were dumbfounded, but recovered enough to say "The President of France." "So be it" said Grinrod, "If we hurry we can get a plane to Paris right away."

They arrived in Paris, and without delay drove to the Elysee Palace, and presented themselves at the gatehouse. Once again Grinrod left them and went and spoke to the guard. The guard picked up the telephone, spoke for a few minutes, put it down and waved Grinrod through. Grinrod remonstrated for a few moments then came back to his friends and said "I'm sorry but they said that I have to go in alone. Is my entrance sufficient for the wager as in London?"

His friends conferred for a while, and one finally said "It's not that we don't trust you but could you bring back the President's autograph just to show that you spoke to him."

"But certainly" said Grinrod, and with that disappeared through the gate.

After a lengthy period he reappeared waving a piece of paper. Sure enough it bore the President's autograph. "Does this satisfy you" said Grinrod, "Yes" they replied, astounded to see that he had made good his boast.

"Well who's the next one."
"The Pope," they replied.

"Right, let's go to the airport and catch a 'plane to Rome" he said. So away they went to the airport.

On arrival in Rome they discovered they were too late to go to the Vatican that day so put up for the night at an hotel. The two friends conferred together that evening and became convinced that Grinrod had somehow tricked them and so on the morrow they decided they would require visual proof of his acquaintance with the Pope.

However, when they arrived at the Vatican the next day, after the usual conversation with the Guard, Grinrod once again said to them that they would have to stay behind while he went in alone. They were suspicious and insisted that they accompany him, he on the other hand stated that they could not, it wasn't allowed. Eventually a compromise was reached when Grinrod said to them that if they went into St. Peter's Square and waited he would persuade the Pope to make an appearance on the balcony with him and they would then see for themselves.

And so it was agreed and the two friends went and joined the crowds in St. Peter's Square. After a very long interval during which they thought that Grinrod had at last failed, a roar went up from the crowd as some figures appeared on the balcony.

Although the distance was great they could make out the figure of Grinrod beside a man who they thought was the Pope, however, as neither had seen the Pope before, they decided to make quite certain that Grinrod had indeed won the wager. One of them turned to a total stranger who happened to be passing and said "Excuse me but could you tell me who is that up there on the balcony."

The stranger took a long look at the balcony, turned to the friends and said "Well I don't know who that man in the white coat and skull cap is, but the other one is undoubtedly Grinrod!"

During the time of the Crusades, a knight prepared to leave England to fight for the cause. As was customary in those days, he locked up his wife in the dungeon, complete with all modern cons., and before he left went to his best friend, and said, "I am off to the Crusades. You are my best friend, and I would like you to hold the key to my wife until I return. Should I die overseas, then my wife is yours."

His friend solemnly promised to guard the key with his life, and with that the knight mounted his horse and rode away.

After riding for some time, he became aware of someone pursuing him at a fast gallop. He reined in and waited for his pursuer. This turned out to be his best friend, who pulled up beside him, out of breath, and with his horse lathered in sweat.

The knight was immediately concerned and said "What is it, my friend, that you should chase me like this?"

"I just had to catch you before you left," his friend said. "You left the wrong key."



● MUSICIAN "Paddy" O'Leary about to take-off for a soaring flight in the "Nymph."

Kook's Korner

Wonder why our sporting Chief Cook changed his mind about joining the Gestapo? Could it be that he has a soft spot for the Boss and likes working for him? Or would it be that he caught a glimpse of the dead beat pans (zombi) of some of the other ex Chief Cooks who have changed to the other side?

Congratulations to Petty Officer Jenner on his £5 award for suggesting an improvement to the runway. We don't know what the suggestion was (the usual/expected green stripe birdie cock) came about and only those in the near vicinity heard the Captain's address. Heard in the "Wets" that evening, though: "Cripes, he got a fiver for that . . . We worked out years ago how to improve the runway. . . . Get rid of the birdies."

Dear Mr. Editor.

I am on y a Ship's Cook's wife, living in the patch, but I wish you would take time off from your arduous social duties to read the article

on Bird Brains which appeared on page 23 of the Sydney Sun on 26th July last.

My husband, who wishes to remain on the safe side, tells me not to write this letter but I feel reluctant to take his advice. It is my sincere hope that our Top Boidies took time off to read the article in order to keep abreast with current affairs.

What a boon to our modernised Navy. At last we are to have Birdies with brains. Just think of the wonderful opportunities now open to the S & S (Grocers and Chefs) when compiling the menu.

Weighing one ounce per packet they could be dished out at payment — one box to four birds.

I don't think this machine will have much effect on the future sales of ucker boards. The machines, I am sure, could be so constructed as to fit on each and every board now in use in the hangars.

In conclusion, sir, I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude and thanks to those poor little birds that have contributed so much to the betterment of our Fly-by-nights. Just think of the wondrous rapture in our Boidie's eyes when he wakes with the sure knowledge that he is soon to be given the luxury of a quarter ounce of brains.

It could come about that Birdies will shortly be able to pull their weight in the general scheme of things.

Yours very sincerely,
MRS. KOOKIE.

It Started With Cats . . .

MACHINE MEASURES BIRD BRAINS

TEL AVIV, Thursday — A tiny instrument for recording brain impulses in pigeons has been developed at the Wizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

The instrument is described as "probably the smallest brain-box ever made." It measures only 15 cubic centimetres, weighs nearly an ounce, and can be concealed in the palm of a hand.

Although this instrument is designed to probe the working of a pigeon's brain, it all really started with cats.

A couple of years ago scientists from the institute joined forces to create a device for measuring the "grey matter" activity in the brains of unrestrained cats. The idea was chiefly to record the action of the brain during states of increased activity and convulsions in animals.

Electronics engineers successfully built a miniature amplifier-transmitter, which weighed only 3½ ounces. Their colleagues, the biologists, managed to mount it on the heads of cats who were then let loose and were free to behave normally — within limitations. The instrument "telemetered" to the physiologists the required data on feline cerebral action.

Then the electronic experts at Rehovoth, the site of the Institute of Science and Israel's brain centre, went even further. They built what they call "a sub-miniature apparatus," which reduced the size of the amplifier-transmitter to a weight of only one ounce. The device was even more perfect than its predecessor.

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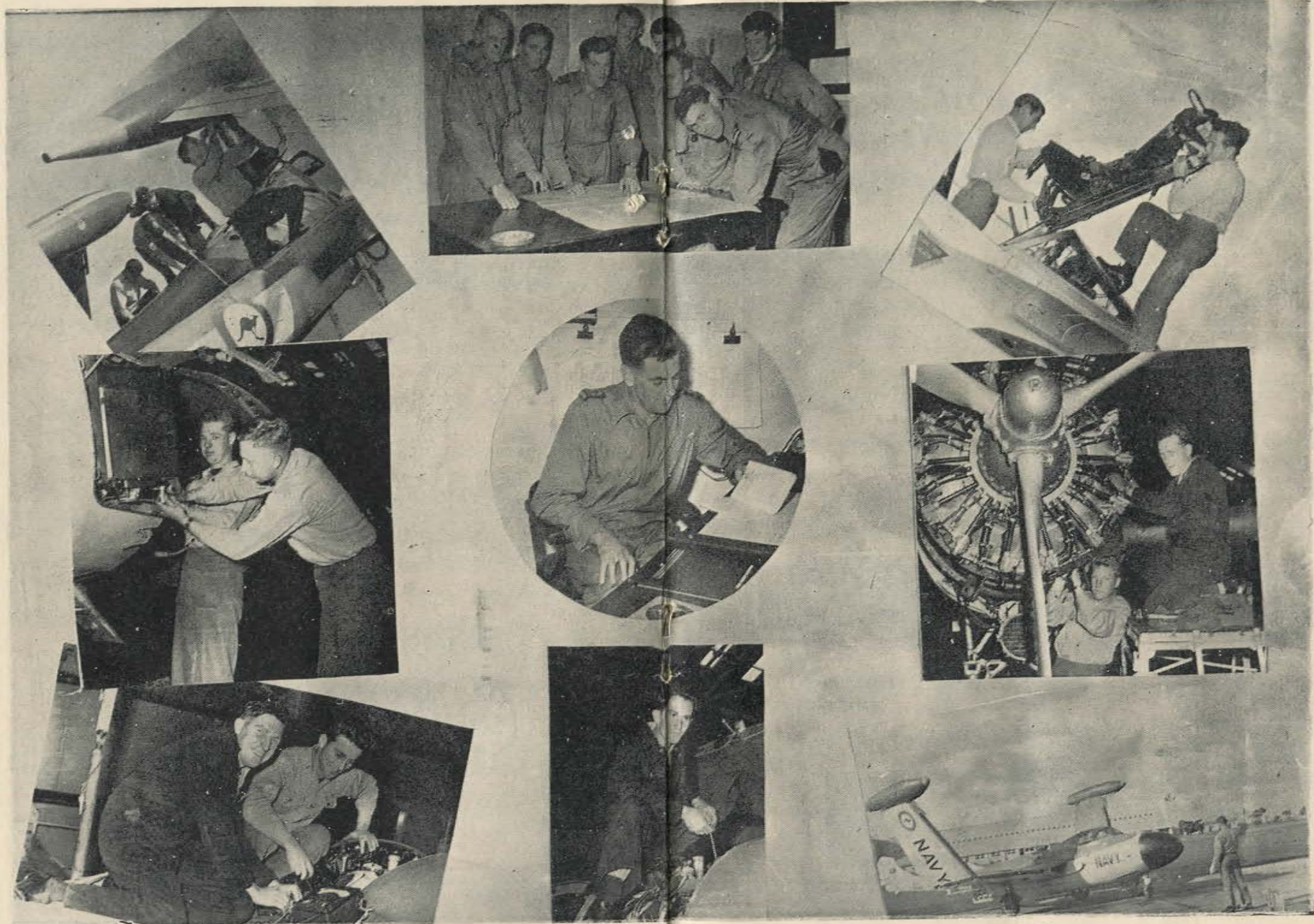
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Test Cricket Blues

With the Australian-England Test Series nearly on us again, some readers may be faced with explaining the ancient game of cricket to the unreceptive ears of their fairer halves. For what it's worth, the following description will make the whole thing as clear as mud.

"You have two sides, one out on the field and the other in. Each man in the side that's in goes out, and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out. When the side that's in is all out, the side that's been out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get out the one that's coming in. Sometimes you get men still in and not out when the side that's in is all out. When both sides have been in and out twice, including those not out, they all go in and try to work out who won."

— "ANON."

DEFT DEFINITIONS

Lubritorium — Aboriginal harem.

Conservative Party — Pressure group of British jam manufacturers.

Middlesex — Curious affliction necessitating the address "Dear Sir or Madam."

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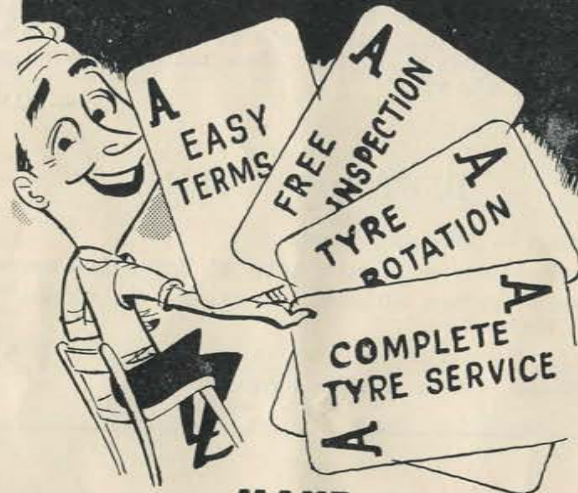
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● THE First Wessex course shown with Lt. Springett the O.I.C., S.A.M.(E)

Soccer Club

The Soccer season is fast approaching its close and the fortunes of the team have been varied. Several friendly matches have been played and the wins were matched by a similar number of losses. Friendly inter-ship matches have been played against "Creswell" and "Melbourne," the former we defeated 9-1 and the latter 1-0.

In the Showers trophy there were only three contenders this season—Penguin. Combined Sydney and Albatross. To date Penguin and Albatross share the points (four each) but Albatross lead on goal average—there is only one goal in it, so we will be hard pressed to retain the trophy.

The Inter-Service matches will be with us in a few days and this year we, at Albatross, will be the hosts. The Army team have not yet intimated their time of arrival, but the Air Force will arrive on Saturday, 18th August—only two days before the first game—so they must be feeling confident. We hope to receive good spectator support for these games, as the Navy will be all out to retain the title.

The Albatross players have already been nominated and it is interesting to note that four of the nine players are Radio ratings. We hope the "L" department will be able to spare them, if selected, for these important games.

L/A Cole and P.O. Trow have ably captained and vice captained the team this season and these two have been well supported by the other team stalwarts.

The best of luck to all concerned, both in the remaining Showers match and in the Inter-Service selections.

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We Hope the Buzz is Right

There is a rumour going the rounds at the present time, suggesting that a number of Wran Writers may make their appearance here. Their appearance in offices could quite possibly create a number of complications.

Would their arrival cancel any of the liberties that the Ship's Company now possess? Would it cause the average sailor to check his pay card more often than previously? It gives food for thought, doesn't it.

Taken from another aspect, it could be a definite improvement. For instance, the Ship's Company dance at F.N.D. would be a complete wash out were it not for the patronage of Wrannery.

Having discussed the prospect with a number of the present Writer complement, I have found that Wrans taking over some of the duties would greatly relieve the strain of work which at present exists, for the present complement, according to our learned friends, is not sufficient for the smooth running of their Branch.

The majority of other ratings to whom I have spoken are of the opinion that the arrival of Wrans could have definite advantages.

In any case we, the present complement of this station, will have to wait and hope.

To avoid raising your hopes too much, Slipstream would like you to know that it is a word for word reprint of an article which originally appeared in Slipstream No. 1, dated April, 1957. After all this time of waiting and hoping we now hear that the pace is generally hotting-up. Perhaps one of our Learned Contributors who Knows Something may be able to write an article giving us a progress report of this very news-worthy matter.

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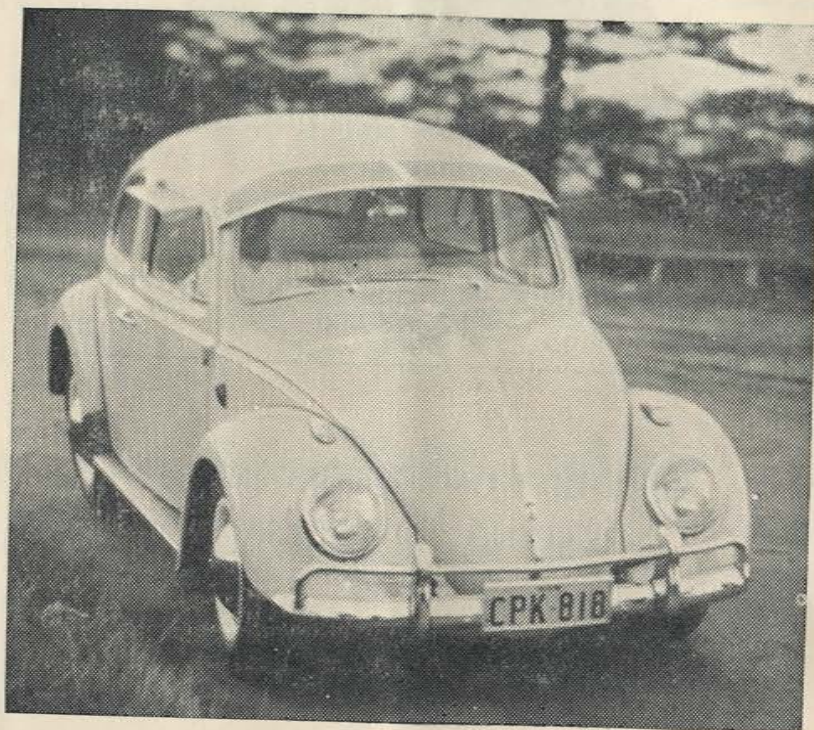
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Albatross Soccer Club

The Soccer Club has upheld the Albatross tradition by being "second to none" and has followed last year's Inspection slogan by setting a "higher standard still."

Under the captaincy and vice captaincy of L.A.M. Cole and P.O. Trow, we have again snatched the Showers Trophy from the Submariners in a three way contest, featuring, for the first time, a Combined Sydney area team. Winning on goal average, the final positions in this contest were:

	Points	Goals For	Against
Albatross	6	22	8
Penguin	6	16	10
Combined Sydney	0	7	27

In the last seven years Albatross have won this trophy five times, and we hope it will be with us for several seasons to come.

In friendly matches, against civilian clubs, we have had mixed fortunes with honours about even. Against other ships we have only managed to play two games, and we won both; one versus Creswell we won 9-1, and the other, versus Melbourne, we won 1-0.

Preparations are now well in hand to entertain the Army and Air Force at the Inter-Service matches to be played during the week commencing August 20th, so we hope all our readers will watch Daily Orders for more details and will support us on the touch line during this important series — which the Navy managed to win last year against heavy opposition.

At the end of the month we say farewell to our President, Lt. Cdr. Champion, who was also President of the R.A.N. Eastern Area Soccer Association. We wish him good luck on his return to the Royal Navy.

— "TOUCH LINE."

One of the most famous sessions of the French Chamber of Deputies involved a heated debate on whether or not French women were to be given the right to vote. A Leftist deputy wound up an impassioned address by crying: "It's a disgrace that the wonderful women of France, famous throughout the world for their chic, intelligence and beauty, should not have equal rights with men. After all, in this modern world, there is practically no difference between French men and French women."

At this point a meek little deputy in the back of the room jumped to his feet and cried: "Vive la difference!"

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● GROUP CAPTAIN CHAUDRY, Pakistan Air Force, being shown over a Venom by Lt. Cdr. Lane.

General Sports Notes

There is no doubt about it, Albatross is having a very successful season with the winter sports. We are top of the Rugby Union, Australian Rules, Soccer, Rifle Shooting and Golf competitions. Rugby League, Hockey and Basketball teams are confident of making the semi-finals in their respective competitions.

On the Inter-Part side, no particular department is out in front, so we should see the games keenly contested from now on. We have commenced another Squash and Basketball league competition to continue until December.

In Inter-Service, Navy were unfortunate to lose to R.A.A.F.; however, you can't win them all. Albatross reps were Winckel, Masse, Packham and Huggins. Congratulations to these four.

The I/S Australian Rules team has 11 reps—Cockram, Fitzgerald, Hilzinger, Partridge, Rutzou, Johnston, Clarke, Snell, Wells, Morrison and Poulton. It is anticipated that Navy will win this series. Congratulations and good luck to these reps.

On 20th August, the I/S Soccer will be held in Albatross. Again we hope to have a fair representation in the team.

On 28th September, Albatross will be the hosts for the I/S Athletics carnival, with the Golf and Clay Pigeon the day before. It is hoped to have a Combined Services v. Amateur Athletics Association of N. S.W. on 29th, also at Albatross. Any persons interested in representing in these matches should forward their names to the Sports Officer by 22nd August. Unfortunately, through lack of volunteers, we had to back out of supplying the T.O.W. team.

To enable us to get the Inter-Part Winter sports completed in time, it will be necessary to have more events scheduled for Wednesday afternoons. This should also ensure that more people are given an opportunity to play sport.

The Station Athletics will be held on Wednesday, 12th September. Trials should take place a week before.

Progress points for the Inter-Part Shield so far are:

Engineering, 34 points; Electrical 32 points; Station, 24 points; Air, 18 points; Supply, 16 points; Squadrons, 11 points.

ALBATROSS RUGBY UNION

With two rounds completed, Albatross is still undefeated and is having its most successful season. Their record being nine wins and a draw from the ten games played. This record becomes even more impressive when the points for and against are totalled. This now stands at 336 points for to 42 points against.

The drawn game was against Watson in the second round, and Albatross, after trailing 17-6 with a little over fifteen minutes to go, were able to get up and level the game at 17-all. The game was much too close for comfort and we expect to do much better at our next meeting with our traditional rivals, Watson is in second position in the competition, having been defeated twice, once by Albatross and on the other occasion they suffered a shock defeat by Penguin and Destroyers.

The Albatross team this year is a younger, lighter side than in previous years, but are having a wonderful season under the able coaching of veteran Ted Cox. The roll up at training has been gratifying and at least a dozen participate at each training session.

Albatross had five representatives in the recent Navy side. They were Bluey Packham, Moose Massie, Jimmy Winckel, Johnny Huggins and Paul Dugdale. Particular congratulations to Jimmy Winckel who has been so close in recent years. Others well in the running only for unavailability included Dave Parker and Scotty.

Trophies are being awarded by the club for the best and fairest forward and back. In the forwards Parker and Winckel are having a neck and neck struggle, whilst in the backs Scott and Huggins are receiving points consistently. Unfortunately we lose Scotty after the next game, as he is on draft to the Queenborough. In his current form, he would make his presence felt in any company, and the best wishes of the club goes with him. A club stalwart of many years in Des Carroll, also left us this week for a trip to Hervey Bay, and will be missed in the important matches to come.

The strength of the Albatross team this year can be gauged by the high standard of the reserves and at times the selectors are in a dilemma with numerous positions being so open. It is to the credit of the reserves that their keenness hasn't abated during the season, and this is quite a feat, because when a player is fit and eager to play football, there is nothing as frustrating as being on the sideline. Well, that's all for now.

PUSSER'S PAGE

COUNTER JUMPERS' CORNER

Seems like some of the boys are trying to spread goodwill around some of the country towns on their week-ends off. They have captured hearts in Mittagong and Goulburn, and last week-end Bowral was graced with their presence. One of the party refused to visit the town, stating that the local kerbs were built too high for his short legs. The other two had a good run, one being escorted bodily from the hotel by the local constabulary after too many free beers, whilst the other was romancing with one of the school girls. He thinks the country girls need to be trained from an early age.

You may have noticed a round ball like article being constantly bounced around during the Aussie Rules game between our boys and 724 last week. Incidentally, it was one of our mis-shapen S/As that we haven't been able to straighten out yet. Tries to make himself look smaller in case any migrating crows from South Australia spot him and take revenge for their digested brothers.

Our own "Reg Gasnier" has left us for the Queen B, and we are anxiously awaiting a replacement. What about it, Navy Board?

— "PLOGGG."

VICTUALLING VOGUE

Well, leave is over for another six months, and here I am back again.

And, from the yarns that were spread after leave, it seems that the blokes who stayed on board had just as good a time as the boys who went home.

We are back to the painting, but after Admirals, who knows, we may be allowed to put up the brushes for a year. (Maybe, if we are lucky, the Boss will be lenient and make it two).

We are losing most of the staff between now and Christmas. Let's hope those replacements keep up the high standard that at the moment prevails in the Department.

— "SAM SHOE."

WRITER'S RAVINGS

Once again, with your favourite T.V. character holding his shooting stick at my head — I must burst into print.

A few new faces have appeared in our midst. Old Leo has been eventually shifted out of Sydney area to the island better known as Alcatraz. I believe that Mayne Nickless used their biggest equipment to shift him from "Penguin". The buzz is that he will soon be back on the retired flat top "Sydney."

Young Dead Dick arrived from Rushcutter, and Pedro the Greek from the lovely depot called Flinders.

Congratulations are in order for Kevin Saville of the Regulating Branch, on his recent appointment as a Detective Superintendent. The branch now has an Inspector as well as a Superintendent stationed here.



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I will now await my cheque from the Editor for this copy.

— "GUESS WHO !!"

BEAGLES CORNER

Noticed that STD. Partridge had his rate inadvertently changed to "Stoker" (D.T, 30th July). Also that he did his share in thrashing the Army Inter-Service team, Sunday, 5th August. Well done, Barry.

The U.K. tourists, Perce The Punter Norris, Wal Rignold, Pincher Martin, "Sputnik" Riley and "Blue" Peterson, were suitably launched prior to their departure last Thursday.

With the departure of the M.A.G. on their Barrier Reef "Holiday," things here returned to normal, but AJASS have started to show much movement.

THE BIG MOAN: One of the Chiefs is devoid of passengers, a breakdown this side of Berry does not help advertising.

The chief cooks' D.E.E. is imminent. But pounds to peanuts he engages.

Believe that "Chrome Dome" Cox is reluctant to leave Nowra for the bright lights of Sydney.

Contrary to expectations, "Uncle Ted" was not bad livered when he only made "runner up" in the Bomaderry bowls championship.

— "DUSTY."

ALBATROSS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

To date this has been a very mixed season for the club. Injuries to players, like L/S "Rocky" Turner, L/Wtr. Barry Clements, NA Noel Cunningham, EM Nev Hall and "Jailhouse" Rock, coupled with the loss of SA Scott and L/REM "Des" Carroll through drafting, seems to have kept the team on the wrong foot, thus preventing us from building the combination necessary for winning.

However, some excellent efforts have been put up by the team and we are certain of reaching the semi-finals.

Our narrow defeat by Kangaroo Valley, 6-2, and Shellharbour, 5-0, show that it will be quite within our scope to defeat these teams in the semi-finals and finals, and go on to another premiership.

Progress points in Best and Fairest competition: S/LT, Morris 12, P.O. Burns 9, SA Scott and NA Doyle 7, EM Hall 5, EM Bakley and NA Bromage 4, L/Wtr Clements and LEM Harkness 3, R/NA Rayner and L/S Turner 2, NA Nolan and L/REM Carroll 1.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

Our notes for this issue are short, but ever so sweet.

Albatross, as we were last year, are now undefeated Minor Premiers in the mid-week competition, after trouncing FOCAF ships 34 goals, 26 behinds - 230 points, to 6 points. This was an all-time record for the Albatross side. What a glorious way to finish off the home games. The finals will be held after the Inter-Service matches and if I were a betting man, I would have a few bob on the outcome.

We have 11 of our members in the I/S training squad and from what we have seen of the opposing Services, we should have an extremely good chance in the series.

PURPLE PATTERN

Our first essay into journalism last month appears to have passed unnoticed by most, but we do hear that certain green eyed monsters around the Station are about to take a crack at us in this copy — why the jealousy, boys?

The front line Squadrons have come and gone and the Department breathes their usual sigh of relief. Those way out birdie boys seem to have contracted an awful habit lately of leaving very bedraggled looking members of the coop behind them when they depart (this, in addition to raining turbine blades over the surrounding countryside, much to the discomfort of sundry pigs, Jerseys and feathered fowl). However, spartan work by MRS and 724 Squadron got them all together again and back to sea (where they belong all the time, in our opinion).

Nothing seems to be happening above the surface with the Wessex—SAM(E) continues to struggle on educating the elite with the aid of peculiar things called animated diagrams, the SMP are whooping it up in the United Kingdom and those cloth capped gentlemen around MRS are, we understand, preparing the ground for the Department of Works to set up their Brew Hut preparatory to the initial survey of the area for the preliminary estimates to be forwarded for the installation of a Wessex Holding down base which was supposed to have been finished last week (we thought the idea with helicopters was that they were supposed to go up!)

By the way, for the collector of the more exotic kind of curios we would recommend a visit to AED Headquarters, where there is in captivity the last known representative of that rare and almost extinct species an Acting Aircraft Artificer 4th Class, by name Price. With no Artificer entrant in the past five years and none to come out of Nirimba for a good few years to come, this boy should be going places. To the more aged among us, the name Price linked with Artificer brings to mind a very worthy representative of this trade. Talking about AED Headquarters, keen observers will notice that the Duke has at last constructed a separate office for his more nefarious activities.

Certain Salvage faces were red this week with the ten ton crane returning ingloriously to the Station hooked onto the Shire Engineer's grader. We understand that Ricardo could have learned something about the diesel cycle if he had listened to the combined brains of the section — however, Chief Luther's suggestion that they kick the b— in the slats cannot be found in any text book on the subject.

Last month saw Lt. Cooke re-installed as Maintenance Test Pilot— all of us connected with the aircraft maintenance world knows what a great help a good MTP can be and here we have one of the best — welcome back.

Our sporting minded members have had very little opportunity to show their worth in the field of sport since returning from mid-winter leave — having relaxed doing whatever sporting minded people do when on leave!

Our commitments have indeed been very few, consisting of only four games, and some think the Station Sports Officer may have been in a purple haze and decided to give the Eng. Division a break until the M.A.C. departed.

The results of the games were:

AUST. RULES: Engineering Division defeated by Squadrons who undoubtedly played superior Rugby Union to overtake our early lead and go away to a convincing win despite the valiant efforts of our captain, NAM Earle.

SOCCKER and HOCKEY: Forfeits by Station Div. enabled us to chalk up more points. Not as easy as it sounds however — as waiting on the field in a cold westerly for the opposition is most unpleasant.

BASKETBALL: We continued our undefeated run by beating Station Div. in this, the first game of the winter round. Accurate shooting by POAM Clark in particular, ably supported by sound team work, produced an early lead which was maintained comfortably throughout the game. Credit must go to Inst. Lt. Mears of Station Div., for his determined efforts to break our lead with clever play and accurate long range shots!

These results then keep Eng. Div. in a sound position on the points score but, far from becoming complacent, thoughts must turn now to preparation for the forthcoming Station Athletic carnival.

— "SCRIPTUS PURPILLICUS.

Albatross Hockey Club

The club is now well into the Illawarra Hockey Competition and have completed the 1st round in the A Grade division and are 3rd on point scores, being 2 points behind the leaders, Wollongong Rangers.

In our first game, we defeated Woonona 2-1 in a hard, fast moving match, with our forwards battling to break through the opposing defence. The second match was played against A.I.S. United in Wollongong, the match being played in pouring rain and the field almost a swamp. We were defeated 2-1, our goal scorer being Warren Walters, centre forward.

Our next match was against Wollongong Rangers and the result was a nil all draw. Observers were heard to say that it would have been unfair if either team had scored. The match was well played and opposing players were very friendly throughout. The match against our old arch enemies, Bulli, resulted in a three all draw, but tempers became a little frayed, as usual.

George Mullins is congratulated by the club in gaining third position for the Tractor-Mercury award for May. Owing to a win on a forfeit, he missed out on a couple of points as best player.

It was good to see Mick Blair take the field again last Saturday against Woonona, after being in "harness" for several months from a back injury. In the rough game, in which three opposing players and two of ours were sent off, he received a mighty hit on the knee, almost putting him out of action again. The match became rather ragged and almost became a brawl, mainly owing to bad umpiring. Woonona won a penalty goal in the first half and Barry Lister scored the equaliser in the last ten minutes of play, giving us another draw.

We played Creswell Cadets on 30th May, at Creswell, winning 3-1. We are looking forward to more matches with them in the near future.

The three matches played over the leave period were postponed and will be played in Wollongong on Sundays. Our first match after leave was against Woonona and we were defeated 4-2. On Saturday, 21st July, we played St Michaels and again were defeated, as we were on Sunday, 22nd July, against A.I.S. Apparently, the leave period was a bit too much for us.

Three of the Albatross team were selected to play in a district representative match for Illawarra against a combined Sydney team on 15th July. Len Zuch and George Mullins were unable to play and Barry

Lister played in the Left Wing position. The Illawarra team won by a penalty corner after a two-all tie. The match was televised and should help to boost hockey in the Illawarra district.

The matches for the 28th and 29th are against A.I.S. and Bulli, and we hope to be able to get a couple of wins under our belt to help us on our way to the semi-finals in September.

OLD NOWRA HILL

Old Nowra Hill a statue stands
Before my daily gaze.
A beauty fixed by Nature's hands,
To brighten all my days.

For years and years I've looked on Thee,
And loved you all the while,
For every time I take a peep,
It seems to me you smile.

Your head held high up in the sky,
You watch far out to sea,
To gather in the sun's bright ray
And smile it back at me.

Against the rosy sky at Eve,
Your beauty I behold.
The sun's last ray around you play,
With green amongst the gold.

You're not so tall and towering,
Yet this is what I find,
You're a fixed and pretty flower,
In the garden of my mind.

The shapely hills there at your feet,
By nature rich endowed.
They are your sons, you reared them up,
And should of them be proud.

The welcome rains that fall on thee,
By Flatrock creek led down,
In different way, through pipes and sprays,
Are life blood of the Town.

The hikers climb thy sloping sides,
Find thee a pleasant place,
Watch golf men play and aeroplanes,
That land with sweeping grace.

Some day old friend our days will end,
Although they're been worth while,
And short or long, I'll sing my song,
And look on you to smile.

Smile on old Hill, smile on until,
There is no Earth or sun.
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White Ensign Club

I was invited by the Manager of the White Ensign Club to pay a social visit and have a look around the Club, and I should like to print the impression I received.

At the entrance I was welcomed by the manager, known by many names but whose real name is Les Young, and whisked away to the Bar where we imbibed in some good beer, at only a shilling a glass. This Bar is open seven days a week from 3.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. week days, Saturdays and Sundays from 9.30 a.m. The only early closing time is Sundays, when 9 o'clock is the dead line. I was served at the Bar by a very pleasant lady affectionately known to all as Auntie Vi, and her smile is really a tonic. This Bar is a pleasant place, not too big, a meeting place for good fellowship and drinking.

My first impression from the roadway was that it was quite a small Club, and I was amazed when I was invited to walk around how large it really is. There is a Ladies' Lounge and T.V. Room, Dining Room, Galley, Games Room, Library, Cabins. The T.V. Room was full of Members and their wives watching a good show on the T.V. I could imagine writing a letter home in the Library, and having a wonderful party in the Games Room, then, tired and weary, laying down to sleep in a Cabin in clean sheets.

The Galley is one of the show places of Nowra, and a lot of the credit of the lay-out goes to our own Cookery Officers (Lieuts. Hamilton and Sidebottom).

I had always been under the impression that this Club was associated with the one in Melbourne, but this is not the case. This one is administered by the public spirited businessmen of Nowra, who act as guarantors, and not as shareholders, therefore all profit gained by sales of poker machines must be ploughed back into the Club on improvements and maintenance. There are 28 Company Members and 10 of these are nominated each year as Directors of the Club, our own Captain and Commander are automatically nominated as Directors; this ensures that anything that is passed by the Directors is known and passed by the Captain and Commander and approved.

Last year £4000 was spent on improvements on the Galley; this year it is anticipated that a further large sum will be spent on improvements. The Bar is going to be enlarged with the demolishing of the Manager's Office and the Library. This brings the foyer, which at present is wasted, into the Bar space. The best architects in Sydney have been employed, proof being that they have just completed the A.M.P. Building.

It is hard to realise how the Club can keep solvent on such low prices. After wages, overheads, gas and electricity, maintenance, the bar and the galley run at a loss. Naturally this is offset by the poker machines and subscriptions, which is only £1 per year, therefore the more members we can get helps in the further betterment of the Club.

I had only been in the Club an hour but I had learnt a lot, and I promised the manager before I left that I would become a Member next pay day.

A beautiful young lady lay on a hospital bed, draped only in a bed-sheet. Two efficient looking young men, dressed in white, approached, pulled back the sheet, and examined her with minute care. "Will you have to operate?" said the girl apprehensively. "You'll have to wait for the doctor to decide that," said one of the men. "We're only the house painters."

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