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OUR COVER

A familiar view of Albatross to those that have flown in the area.

EDITORIAL

AFTER A LONG, DRY WINTER, noteworthy for its gusty westerly winds, sporadic rain and constant sunshine, the onset of spring has produced a quickening tempo in the pace of everyday life within Albatross. Winter sports are rapidly coming to their crescendo of finals and post-mortems, the Athletics trials heats are unerringly eliminating the sheep from the goats, and producing contestants for the Station Sports and the later Interservice Championships. Exponents of summer sporting activities are now resurrecting flannels, togs and racquets.

The recent J.U.C. 43 anti submarine exercise off Sydney and Jervis Bay, Operation Tuckerbox and various Fleet requirements have kept such aircraft as remain in action, locally and in warmer climes. The M.A.G. is now back, and another Operation Nutcracker in the Putty-Singleton area promises to further reactivate the Station.

Above all, the Station is slowly preparing for Admiral's Inspection, generously drawing upon the extra month's grace given this year, which unwittingly has helped to overcome the shortage of hands. Oh for a cartoonist like Prof to capture those moments of unconscious humour and panic!

A tremendous programme of cross-training and familiarisation within the Engineering-Electrical Department and in the Air Branch to tailor the Navy to the New Look brought about the change in role of the F.A.A. is proceeding apace and will continue well into 1963, whilst the arrival of the first Wessex in November this year is lending urgency to the learning of new equipments and techniques.

The formation of 725 Squadron is almost upon us and eventually its establishment will be for 10 Wessex Mk. 32A aircraft. Its training task will be for pilots, observers and Seaman U.C. (Air), such that a pool of trained AS helo crews will be always available.

The most important news recently is that a new Rating Structure and Advancement report is in the wind, which if approved will affect the whole range of Basic training methods, syllabuses Branch structure and advancement and that a new concept of sea training will result. Already the products of "Leeuwin" and "Nirimba" are giving the place a much younger look and this process will continue for some time.

The building programme within Albatross is grinding slowly away but nevertheless relentlessly changing the appearance of the place, and bringing hope of permanent accommodation to all (Wardroom by 1973) in the not too distant future. This also includes the W.R.A.N.S. who now seem certain to arrive next year.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It was interesting to read in a recent C.N.O. (506) that Eng.M and Eng.L officers are permitted to have a Concomitant Squint only if it is not abnormal cosmetically with and without glasses.

Personally the writer has noticed that those who use cosmetics are about equal to those who don't but the Concomitant Squint appears to be universal.

CHIPS.

A REPORT ON RECONSTRUCTION

Each year, in about September, the Commander loses his usual affable demeanour. Instead of the open door, the cheerful welcome, the patient and sympathetic consideration the visitor is greeted with a scowl, an impatient "Yes, what do you want?" and is firmly shown the door if he stays too long. The reason for this volte-face is that the Commander is responsible for the co-ordination of all Works matters, and September is the time when New Works proposals, Repair and Maintenance programmes and the like, are processed. It may be of interest generally to know how items are processed, and to see what is being planned for the next few years.

The Commonwealth Department of Works is responsible for the building and maintenance of all structures, the installed equipment which form part of those structures, roads, water supplies, sewage, and other works matters. Each year the Station receives a bulk allocation of money for urgent repairs and new works of a minor nature. The Captain has delegated authority to spend this money in the form of sub-requisitions up to £200 each. The actual work is done by the Department of Works or their contractors.

Where items of new works or repairs and maintenance are estimated to cost over £200, they must be included in the annual works programmes. These programmes are forwarded yearly to F.O.I.C.E.A., usually in September. F.O.I.C.E.A. combines all the lists from the various establishments to send on a consolidated list to Naval Board. The Naval Board then has the job of studying the lists from all the various commands and tailoring them to fit the amount of money available in the ensuing year. Some idea of the magnitude of this job may be gained from the fact that the current Albatross lists add up to over 1½ million pounds, yet the total Naval vote is likely to be considerably less than that. When items are approved and included in the Works Programme, they cannot be started until after 1st July of the following year. So you can see that if a job is estimated to cost more than £200 it will take the best part of twelve months at least to get it done. In most cases it takes a great deal longer.

Until and unless a great deal more money is available for Defence generally and for works in particular, we cannot hope for more than about £200,000 a year for new works in Albatross. In the master plan for the re-building of the Station in permanent construction priority has rightly been given to accommodation. The total new construction bill for accommodation runs to about £2,500,000, so it can be seen that it will take many years to complete.

When completed the new Station will look something like this.

Junior ratings will be accommodated in blocks similar to PHUTJIP and STIRLING on the upper and lower C areas. It is hoped that later blocks will vary slightly from the WAGGAS in that they will have their own laundries. A new galley and cafeteria will occupy the cleared site on Gladiator Road, north of the existing galley. The new C.P.O.'s and P.O.'s Mess will be a composite building, with separate facilities, facing onto Fulman Road, with accommodation blocks built in rear. The new Wardroom will be built south of the existing area but designs have not yet progressed to a stage where much idea can be gained of its appear-

ance. A block for W.R.A.N.S. (bless their souls and protect their honour) will be built on Gladiator Road, replacing D1, 2 and 3 Messes.

So much for the future, what are the immediate prospects? During the current financial year the major works of interest will be the two new accommodation blocks. Department of Works have been active drilling test holes for foundations, and contracts will soon be let. Because of the pressing need to fill complement billets with W.R.A.N.S. and so relieve some sections of the acute shortages from which they are suffering, it may be necessary to use one of these blocks temporarily for W.R.A.N.S. accommodation. In next year's estimates a bid has been made for another four ratings' blocks, and for a start to be made on C.P.O.'s and P.O.s accommodation. It is probably being over optimistic to hope that all these will be accepted into the programme. But if we get the ratings' accommodation we shall be well on the way.

As you wend your way to the bathroom, through the biting wind and driving rain, just take heart in the realisation that it won't last forever. In three or four years it should be a thing of the past for Junior rates. A couple of years later the same should apply to Senior rates. The officers will have to wait rather longer, 8 to 10 years would be a realistic time scale.

When next you become a little impatient at the apparent inaction in these matters, remember that "Just as Rome was not built in a day, neither will Albatross."

THIS MONTH'S PERSONALITY



MRS. SCOTT

Personality of the Month

It is with real regret we say good-bye this month to Mrs. Scott, who has been the Naval Social Worker here at Albatross for the past twelve months. She leaves us because of the Public Service rules on retirement and not, she assures us, because she wants to go.

Mrs. Scott was born in Scotland where her father was a minister in the old United Free Church of Scotland, a body renowned for its attachment to sound learning and to spiritual freedom. She went to school at Bedford and then attended the University of Edinburgh, where she started the Medicine Course. At this stage matrimony intervened and she forswore Medicine — but not her academic devotion.

Her husband had a distinguished record in World War I., and after four and a half years' service, returned to the family works at Tillicoultry. However, the changing pattern of life gave the Scotts itchy feet and they decided to come to Australia in 1922.

In Australia three more children were born, making the family three boys and a girl, and Mrs. Scott settled down to her family life in Strathfield until the advent of World War II. In this war her sons were engaged — two joined the R.A.A.F. — and she worked with the Australian Red Cross at a time when that organisation was undergoing its greatest expansion.

After the war, with her family grown up, she felt the desire to continue the kind of community work that she had been doing and worked for the Anti-T.B. Association. She also took her Diploma of Social Studies at the University of Sydney — a three years full time course — a remarkable achievement for a grand-mother who had been away from academic life for almost thirty years.

Mrs. Scott came to the Navy in 1958 as a Naval Social Worker. For the first three years she was based in Rushcutter and for the last year she has been at Albatross. She has proved a philosopher, friend and guide to many families, particularly when there has been domestic trouble of one kind and another.

At Albatross her services have been much appreciated by the wives in the Patch, Huskisson and Nowra, by Divisional Officers, and not the least by the Chaplains. We will miss her cheery face and sound common sense — her kindness and her knowledge of human affairs.

We wish her all the best for her new job at King George V. Hospital and hope that she may get some leisure to enjoy her garden, flat and music in Cremorne.

SLIPSTREAM STAFF CHANGES

Due to commitments as an Officer of the Guard during the recent visit of the King and Queen of Thailand, and with the preparations for the imminent Admiral's Inspection, our past Editor, Instructor Lieutenant C. D. Mears has been forced to relinquish his duties of Editor of Slipstream. It only goes to show how versatile the "Schoolie" has to be. Also on draft is Lieut. D. Owens, Albatross Sports Officer, and his place will be taken by Lieut. Cdr. Pat Stewart who becomes Slipstream's Sports Editor. Thanks to both for keeping the Station's Magazine afloat these last few months.

THE CRUEL WORLD OR

LAUGHING ON THE OUTSIDE

As one who left the Service some time ago, I have been asked to write a few words on the subject of survival in the cold, hard world outside. Your editor thought that this may be of value to others confronted with this frightening prospect.

Probably the first action taken by anyone about to leave the Navy is to scan with hope and anxiety the "Positions Vacant" pages of the Daily Press. In so doing a certain amount of caution must be exercised. If it is a semi government job, it probably has gone to somebody already and the advertisement is only a compulsory formality. With private firms, a spade is no longer a spade, it is a "manually applied excavating instrument."

To elaborate, an office boy is now known as a "Trainee Executive," a clerk is commonly referred to as an "Assistant to the Managing Director" and a foreman cleaner as "Supervisor of Hygiene." The problem confronting the people who write the "Positions Vacant" advertisements is what to call the Managing Director. Nothing but "God" seems good enough.

Another favourite bait of the ad writers is that of the over-stated income. The reader of this type of ad finds his imagination staggered at the offer of an income in excess of "£5,000 per year" with "car provided" and only the barest qualifications asked for. This would be the type of ad for a travelling salesman, known in jargon as a "Representative," "Executive Representative" or "Sales Consultant." The offer of £5,000 per annum may be quite genuine, but could be broken down to the following proportions:— Salary £500, Commission on sales £4,500. To earn this amount of commission, the salesman would have to work like a galley slave for up to 100 hours per week, carry a bludgeon to beat the orders out of his customers, and be a good candidate for Alcoholics Anonymous and the Collector of Alimony. The "car provided" will probably be by the salesman himself, with a scant mileage allowance thrown in.

Let us assume that the ex-Navy man successfully dodges the pitfalls in the "Positions Vacant" columns and eventually finds himself a niche suitable to his peculiar talents. He now joins the rat race for promotion.

Whereas in the Service, promotion is subject to certain strict rules and qualifications and occurs within predetermined periods of time, in the business world, today's clerk may be tomorrow's Personnel Manager and next week's General Manager.

Competition is intense. Cut throat tactics are extreme. This coupled with the fact that decisions on promotion are usually made by one person results in an unusual battle of wits. One must capture the attention of the decision maker at all costs. Unfortunately the decision maker is a busy man with little time to spare for any of his staff who may feel like dropping in at all times for a social chat. However as he is obliged to read all correspondence, a new ploy is developed by the ambitious.

A complicated system of Memo writing develops. These memo's are addressed to the present holder of the office that one covets and a carbon copy sent to the decision maker for information. Thus the Advertising Manager may write to the Sales Manager — info D.M. "Congratulations on the successful outcome of use of my slogan in your sales material. I am only too pleased to assist and that my slogan which was the result of much considerable research on my part, has resulted in a weekly sales increase of 5 per cent."

This of course cannot be allowed to pass, and so the Sales Manager writes back to the Advertising Manager — info the Decision Maker. "Thank you for your memo, of this a.m. and the kind wishes contained therein. You will be interested to know that the 5 per cent sales increase is attributed entirely to a new direct-selling technique evolved by myself. Your slogan will be used next week and I hope that it will be equally successful as the efforts of my own department."

Well as my two weeks Reserve duty are almost up and I cannot afford to work without remuneration I will close the article up at this stage, pack my bags and having obtained my travelling Warrant, will proceed to return to my wife and family secure in the knowledge that I will live in my home in Vaucluse for the next thirty years.

The Naval Airman gazed fondly at his winsome red headed nurse, and told the doctor, "Wonderful nurse you've got here. One touch of her hands cooled my fever miraculously." "We know," the doctor answered him. "We could hear her slap clear to the end of the corridor."

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GENERAL PERSONAL THOUGHT in Albatross is that the thinker does a hard day's work, while the other fellow does nothing!

To acquaint everyone with how everyone else spends his day, Slipstream has begun a series entitled "HOW THE OTHER MAN WORKS." Contributions are invited from those who wish to justify themselves, and those who wish to publicise how little their mates do!

THIS MONTH — A DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE CAPTAIN

0800 — Colours. Proceeds to office. Surveys IN-tray, piled nine inches deep with files. Groans. Lights a cigarette and calls for coffee. Opens first file — Secretary enters.

Sec: No coffee at the moment, Sir.

Cap: Tea!

Sec: No milk this morning. The runner got to the Victualling yard too late.

Cap: Make him double around the perimeter to get fit! (Carries on with files. Commander enters).

Com: Just briefing you Sir. You've got N.A. Berlitsky coming up this morning. Compassionate case. You'll have a lot of trouble — Berlitsky can't speak English. He's got six children, and the loan sharks have reclaimed his T.V. set. Wants a week off to look after the kids while his wife has her seventh. Better warn you, too — after request men, you'll see Berlitsky as a defaulter. Apparently he got full last pay night and was caught with three local girls — — —

Cap: Thank you, Commander. Never a dull moment here! (Carries on with files).

0900 — Files reduced to three inches. Secretary brings in an armful. Writer enters and puts black brew on desk. Captain shudders, looks out of door, sees 118 pleading eyes. Requestmen and defaulters begin.

0941 — Urgent telephone call to Sick Bay. N.A. Berlitsky is taken away in strait-jacket. Captain makes note "Welfare Officer to fix." Defaulters continue.

0959 — Requestmen and defaulters completed. Rounds begin. Captain and retinue arrive at New Tower.

Cap: What's that rubbish?

Cdr. Air (examining paper): Old Inspection Memos, Sir. F.A.A. No. 36, it looks like. Probably from the Met. Office — they're always a fortnight adrift. Ha! Ha!

Retinue: Ha! Ha! (Captain does not laugh. Chuckles cease).

Cap: Get rid of it, anyhow.

Cdr. Air: Yessir. Here, little "f," get rid of this.

"ff": Yessir. Chief, do something with this bump.

Chief: Yessir: N.A. Bloggs! N.A. BLOOGS! Oh, there you are. Here, do something with this stuff — put it in the officer's heads.

Cap: What's in the five gallon tin?

"f": Milk, Sir. We got there first this morning and got the lot. Ha! Ha! Teach the rest of the depot to be on their toes!

Rounds continue.

1120 — Rounds over. Captain sips cold black brew as he surveys the IN-tray, now over two feet deep. Opens first file: "Two hundred children from the Black Stump State School will visit you on 20th of this month. An Air Display is to be provided." Captain groans and opens second file: "You are to provide a guard for the visit of ten Gautemalan officers to Bourke on the 20th of this month. A Fly Past is to be included."

1215 — IN-tray reduced to nine inches. Captain goes to lunch.

13.00 — Back at office. IN-tray unchanged! C's heart feels lighter. Lights a cigarette, hums "A Life on the Ocean Wave." Secretary staggers in with a pile of files, trips, files cover floor. Captain reads nearest open one: "The monthly consumption of aviation fuel is highly excessive, and you are to practice stringent economics. No unnecessary flights are to be permitted." Writer brings in white brew. Captain's face beams — tastes — tinned milk!

1325 — EMERGENCY! Captain drives to Tower. Realises truth of old adage:

"When in danger or in doubt,
Run in circles, scream and shout."

Gannet lands safely. Captain walks to aircraft to talk to the pilot.

EMERGENCY — FIRE IN THE VILLAGE. Cars burn tyres to Perth Drive. Captain hits nose on windscreen as driver brakes to avoid tricycle lying on road. Fire Officer hurries over.

Fire O: (encouragingly) All fixed now, Siir. We had it out ten minutes ago. Just some kids burned down a garage for fun!

Captain returns to office, stopping at Sick Bay to have nose-bleeding stopped. Commander enters.

Com: Would you see Mrs. Berlitsky for a moment sir? (Pauses) She can't speak English either!

1625 — To Tower to meet V.I.P. who has just landed. (V.I.P. is Local Works Rep., who has come to open Greenwell Point Sewerage unit).

Cap: A pleasure to have you Sir.

V.I.P.: Nice of you to allow me to land here, Captain. You don't do much flying do you? I notice there's no aircraft in the air. You should have formations buzzing about to impress us laymen! Not that I mind, of course

1645 — Discussion with Cdr. Air about flights next day. (Captain sits at desk. Cdr. Air takes a chair out of a two-foot high pile of files).

1745 — Captain opens last file: "I am directed to inform you that in the interests of economy, your application for a refrigerator to be fitted in your house has been refused. Medical advice is that ice boxes are more hygienic and less likely to break down." Captain sighs, goes home for a cup of tea. Discovers the milk has gone off, due to the heat. Begins draft of speech for a Naturalisation Ceremony at Nowra that evening.

1940 — To Nowra. Surveys beaming faces below dais. 'Good God — it can't be — the last straw' — the determined face of Mrs. Berlitsky appears in focus, surrounded by five children! Officer from the Immigration Dept. begins his speech.

O from I: I take this opportunity of welcoming you all as citizens of Australia . . .

The Mayor of Nowra begins his speech.

M of N: I take this opportunity of welcoming you all as citizens of this country . . .

Captain sighs, scores through the opening line of his speech. Time passes.

2230 — Captain rises, begins: Now you are all citizens of Australia, I take this opportunity of welcoming you . . .

2300 — Home! Whisky! Bed!

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+ The Chaplain's Corner +

QUO VADIS?

"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?" said Alice.

"That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the Cat.

"I don't much care where . . ." said Alice.

"Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat.

(Alice in Wonderland).

There are many of us who have a sense of longing as well as a sense of void where God is concerned. We say "I cannot find God," or "I cannot be sure of God" And because we have this mixture of concern and emptiness we cannot relax. What does the Church say to this? It says that very often that this state, dark and perplexing as it is, may well be the ground of faith. We need to remember that, in this cloud of unknowing, God may be looking for us. There is an old prayer, "Before I sought thee, thou didst find me."

Then again there are some of us who feel drawn to an awareness of God — perhaps a passing awareness that may be submerged in other and exciting things. The Church says, Give this awareness a chance.

We can so easily lose it the moment that the pressures of busy life are on. To keep that awareness, quietness is needed every day, deliberate, regular, and protected quietness. In that quietness we renew our desire for God.

There are also others who have been Christians in the past but who have given it away. These are the ones who need to learn that being a Christian does not mean being "on the side of" Christianity in the same way that we join the P. & C. or Legacy. Christianity means submission to Christ and the sharing in the life of His family. Christ is the Vine and we are the branches. Holy Communion, Bible reading and prayer are ways in which Christ keeps us united to Him. We cannot by-pass the Church; if we do, then we become part of its scandal rather than part of its glory.

Then there are those of us who are Christians. We have to take to heart the word of Christ "Every branch that beareth fruit he cleanseth it, that it may bear more fruit." Our need is the pruning knife of Christ — perhaps our prayers need deepening; perhaps we need to be more regular and devout at Holy Communion; perhaps we are called to a greater use of our minds in the serious study of our faith or maybe to some new practical service of our neighbours.

Sometimes we get the Christian faith in a one-sided way; we are so busy trying to serve God that we forget to pause for a while and let Him serve us. He longs for us to pause so that He can come and wash from us all that He hates to see. If we resist the idea and neglect of do so, then we are like Peter who said "Thou shalt never wash my feet."

— REV. J. TRAINER, R.A.N.

THE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT MYTH

So many times since the end of the First World War, we have been told that men should renounce war as an instrument of public policy. However the solemn rigmarole of disarmament discussions still goes on in Geneva, and the pattern of frustration remains unchanged.

This situation is due to two main factors — the nature of Soviet Communism and the difficulty of getting an arms agreement really working at a time when the rapid progress of scientific technique makes weapons rapidly outdated, bringing new ones into the field all the time.

When Khrushchev broke the Soviet moratorium pledge last September, his aim was to improve the capability of Russian nuclear weapons. And if the American Administration had yielded to the strong anti-nuclear-test organisations, the decision not to compete further might have made the U.S. helplessly second class in nuclear striking power and defence facilities, while the U.S.S.R. would have been free to proceed from strength to strength.

There is a false popular idea that American destructive capacity, already formidable, needs no further experiment. Nothing is so "unstatic" as atomic science and this is the basis of the even balance of nuclear power. For America not to have continued her experiments, could precipitate the alternative disasters of atomic war, or surrender to Communist imperialism.

Whilst the advocates for "Ban-the-Tests," "Peace-Councils," "Peace-at-any-price," are not all Communists, or necessarily fellow travellers, they at best are unrealistic in the face of continued bad faith shown by the Kremlin. An inspected and controlled disarmament system would be difficult and complex to maintain. In the days before nuclear weapons it was not too difficult to make a reasonably reliable inventory of armed strength, but today when the most sinister weapons are designed in the quiet of scientific laboratories, a really efficient "inspection" system, elaborate enough to close every loophole would be impossible.

It may be that the problem of nuclear competition has been simplified by the Soviet's flat-footed refusal to consider any inspection system. For an open arms race may well be a lesser evil, than an inspection system so full of holes, that it could be farcical, yet giving the illusion of security.

Perhaps it would be better for the peace and security of the world, if we in the West talked less about "disarmament," and more about

strengthening the European partners of the U.S.A. in N.A.T.O. Is it really reasonable, politically or militarily, to hold back from allies, like the France of de Gaulle, the sort of information and weapons which are already in the hands of the enemies of the free world?

H. McDONALD, Chaplain, R.A.N.

Sam Goldwyn of Hollywood fame was once asked his opinion on the latest developments of nuclear warfare.
"The atomic bomb? — it's dynamite."

HOW TO MAKE YOUR CHILD A CROOK

From time to time anxious parents ask me to speak to their children either because they have got out of hand, or because they have fallen foul of the police. Although it is flattering to be treated as a last hope, yet I cannot help feeling amazement that parents should calmly assume that I can in fifteen minutes repair the neglect of fifteen years.

It occurred to me, therefore, that I might put out some infallible rules, which, if they are followed closely will certainly make it very easy for a child to become a crook.

1. Begin from infancy to give the child everything that he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe that the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words laugh at him. It will encourage him to pick up "cuter phrases" that will blow off the top of your head later.
3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 21 and then let him decide for himself.
4. Avoid the use of the word WRONG. It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later when he is arrested for stealing a car that society is against him and that he is being persecuted.
5. Pick up everything he leaves around — toys, clothes, books and shoes. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing responsibility on to others.
6. Let him read any printed matter that he can lay hands on. Make quite sure that all his eating and drinking utensils are properly sterilised, but don't worry if he feeds his mind on garbage.
7. Don't hesitate to quarrel in the presence of your children. They won't be shocked when the home is broken up.
8. Give your child all the spending money he wants. Never ask him to earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had?
9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, comfort, and T.V. Make sure that every desire is granted. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.
10. Take his part against the neighbours, teachers and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.
11. When he gets into real trouble, apologise for yourself by saying "I could never do anything with him."
12. Prepare for a life of grief — you will get it.

— J. T.

DEFT DEFINITIONS

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There are very few people who are not interested in ways and means of dodging visits to the dentist, and consequently there must be very few people who do not have at least a passing interest in fluoridation. This applies particularly to parents who are hopeful of their children having better success at these evasive tactics than they did, because fluoridation is primarily a boon to youngsters whose teeth are in the process of forming.

Unfortunately, a great deal of inane controversy has accompanied the advent of this beneficial venture, leaving many people confused and in some doubt as to its advisability.

Briefly, the procedure is to introduce fluoride into the water supply at a concentration of one part per million of water. The fluoride is then ingested and incorporated into the developing enamel of the teeth, resulting in a form of enamel which is particularly resistant to decay and in addition the fluoride has a beneficial effect directly on the external surface of the enamel. This in turn leads to an incontrovertibly proven reduction of up to 50 per cent in the number of cavities forming in children, and in addition, a less marked but definite reduction in the decay rate among adolescents and adults. It is not necessary to change one's habits and take up water drinking to derive maximum benefit, as wherever the water goes — into tea coffee, gossas, beer and food in preparation and cooking — the fluoride goes too.

Why, then, the controversy? The arguments against fluoridation run something like this:

(1) Fluoride is a poison, it accumulates in the bones, making them chalky, causes heart disease, kidney disease and all sorts of other disease.

This is one of those dangerous half truths. Fluoride IS a poison taken to excess — but so is oxygen. The important thing is how much of it you take. Even arsenic is sometimes prescribed as a tonic. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and many places exist where people have been happily imbibing naturally — occurring fluoridated water in concentrations up to eight parts per million for centuries and the worst that has happened to them is that their tooth surfaces may be mottled in appearance. Also, since fluoridation became a controversial issue a tremendous amount of statistical research has been undertaken to assess any possible ill effects. The upshot of it all has been that at a concentration of one part per million, fluoride has been shown to be perfectly safe. This evidence has been sifted independently by practically every august, suspicious and conservative health body in the Western World, and without any notable exception accepted in full.

(2) Fluoridation is enforced medication and infringes one's rights and freedom of choice as a citizen.

The answer to this is that it is not a medication but a form of mineral nutrition. If people who think like this do not want the bonus issue for selfish and childish reasons they are free to instal a good old fashioned water tank.

(3) Fluoride is a good thing but not in the water supply. Let it be given in pills or painted on the teeth.

Both methods of administration thus advocated are advantageous, but painting of the teeth is time consuming and expensive, and tablets just plain expensive. In addition they each only do half the job. Fluoridation combines the advantages of both cheaply. A word in season on fluoride toothpastes. Don't expect too much of them — they are a long odds bet.

(4) Fluoride is a Communist plot to undermine the health of the democratic world.

Believe it or not, the charge has been made. Guess where?
(5) Just plain "anti" cussedness.

Facetious this may sound but in all seriousness it is the root of most of the effective and vocal opposition. Emotionalism, politics and half truths are the weapons of its proponents. The problem these people pose is one not for the medical scientist but for the sociologists and it really has them puzzled. Don't be misled by them, fluoridation is definitely a friend and when it comes, cast aside all doubts and welcome it with open mouths.

P.S. — Please note that those terrible toothwrights are trying their level best to do themselves out of a job. They are fine fellows, really.

— "A FANG FARRIER."

CAUSE!



16

Britannia to the Rescue

On Saturday 25th August at 1205 p.m. a unique visitor in the form of an R.A.F. Britannia arrived from Changi field Singapore. The Britannia powered by four Rolls Royce engines and having an all up weight of 85,000 lbs., carried as freight a new Griffin engine for the Shackleton anti-submarine aircraft stationed at Nowra for an A.J.A.S.S. exercise.

Prior to the Exercise the Shackleton plus its R.A.F. crew were taxiing for take off to Richmond and the bright lights of Sydney when in his haste to depart the "Riviera of the South" the pilot took a short cut off the taxi-way and ended up in a culvert, severly bending the blades of the Port outboard engine.

Having already been marred by weather, another delay in the exercise seemed imminent until the huge transport was despatched from Singapore. It is an ill wind that blows no one some good, as a group of Australian soldiers were able to hitch-hike home on leave and arrived in time to catch the fast train to Sydney.

The engine change was successfully carried out and both aircraft have since returned safely to Changi the Shackleton being suitably stencilled with red kangaroos.

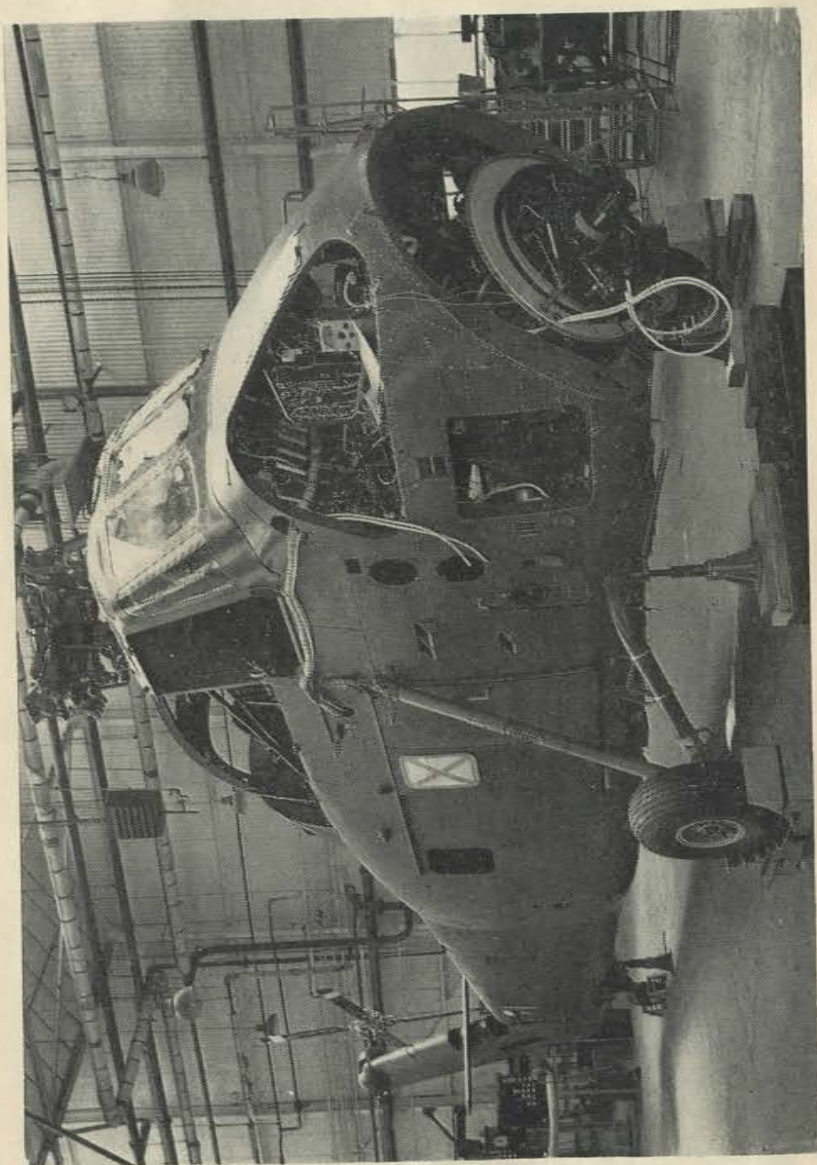
The Plumbers have a small problem now, what to do with an unserviceable Griffin engine. It won't fit a Gannet.

WIGGY.

EFFECT!



17



CIRCUS PROMOTIONS

Just take a look at this wonderful new performer in Westland's dressing room being ornated for the show of shows. She is in the throes of being made-up and is almost ready to go out on stage for her big rehearsal. Man a'live, what a show this is going to be.

She is the star and she will be supported by a stupendous cast of aerialists, acrobats, comedians and the like. Of course, there will be the usual troupe of stalwart, ever-reliable technicians and electricians working backstage.

She looks a little messed-up in this picture, but that is just because she has not finished putting on her face and, like most girls in their dressing rooms, she moves about with some of her parts exposed. By the way of a passing thought, I would say that with a pair of legs like her's she should go a long way.

Since I was in England learning something of this little girl, I have followed her progress like a punter follows the horses. I have been more than impressed by her achievements. One of the latest reports from Yoevilton, where the cast have been on location, brings news, however, of some of the inevitable stardom tantrums.

Her leading man, in the part of a salty naval officer, the report says, did a marvellous job; he caressed her in the love scene, trying to bring her into a state of suspended animation: she responded, but her head was spinning in a whirl, but then, by some strange trick of fate (or something) she did some of the craziest things that were not called for in the script. However, the producer has taken her aside and such exhibitions are not expected by the time the cast arrive in Australia for the premiere performance in November or thereabouts.

One thing I do know, if she has a surprise, she isn't afraid to spring it!

Oh well! As they say in Japan, Saranuya,

— CHIEFY A.

THE CHOPPERS REFRAIN

I look a funny creature,
Some say a naughty girl,
I do things automatically.
My head goes in a whirl.

I've heard some call me "flapper,"
I suppose they could be right,
For even when my man can't see,
I'll press on through the night.

But he is there with finger poised,
My buttons he will press,
When at the "gate," he'll do the deed,
And tell his friends, I guess.

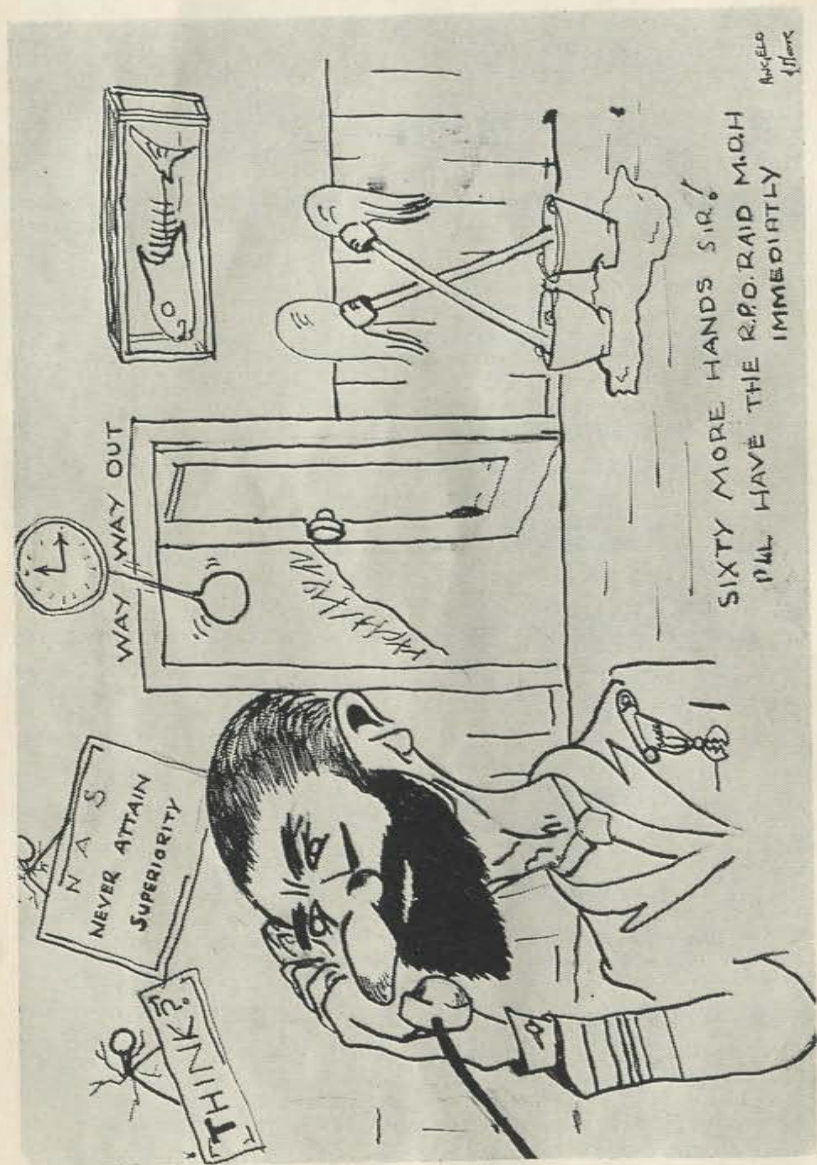
I know, I know, I will go down,
But I'll control myself,
That's if my hover coupling
Isn't sitting on a shelf.

The magic of my little box,
Can make my columns "beep"
So I can give my man a ride,
While he enjoys a sleep.

The sailors will observe me
While I give my exhibish,
Until I drop my little load
Of awful, deadly fish.

Then back to Mother I will run
To fill my belly full;
Then perhaps I race away
And a frigate I will pull.

Oh! no, I'm not a girl that's bad
Believe me if you could,
Ask the chaps who know my parts,
They'll tell you — I am good.



THE BIG TEST

Well, dual instruction had continued without my instructor going beserk and by leave period, I was almost ready to have a go at solo-flying! All I needed was some sorting out on landing straight so as not to rip the wheel off and some more circuit planning after waiting a bit long to head for home a couple of times.

I went down to fly on the first Saturday after leave and had several flights without undue strain and then the head instructor hopped in with me for one more and suddenly I felt that the time was near. Sure enough, soon as we landed he got out and said "O.K. this is all yours Kid! Just take it easy and you'll be right!"

Well, I can tell you, I was feeling good until then. However, baring the teeth in the semblance of a grin, I said "Righto, mate, I'm all set." Then, to cries of "We'll form the Firing Party," and "Don't smash the aircraft," I was off. Hell, I was all alone! What if the cable snaps? What if but I had been waiting for this for some time and determined to give it a good go.

At 150 feet, I eased the stick back and shot up and at the top, was at 1500 feet! Highest I'd ever been on a launch! What a fantastic feeling — up here alone and the air as smooth as velvet! I decided to try a few turns and around I went, feeling a bit panicky at times and gripping hard on the stick. To relax, I tried singing aloud and taking hands and feet off the controls. I'm glad there was no tape recorder, as I talked to the aircraft and myself at times as I felt pretty good.

After what seemed ages, I was down to 800 feet and decided to do another turn before heading back to land. It was almost my undoing, for only halfway round, my height had dropped to 650, so to get round quicker, steepened the turn and put the nose down a bit and tore for home as quick as possible.

This was the hard part, planning the down-wind leg and crosswind leg to line up on the strip on the final run-in. Heart-in-mouth, I turned for the crosswind leg, never moving my eyes from the landing point, straightened out and eased the air brakes out to drop her on the strip. I flared out and did a perfect landing — a foot above the deck! big bumps, but down at last and straight, too.

Even though it was a cold afternoon, I was rather damp from perspiration and shaking pretty well. On receiving congrats, I was so "up in the air" I missed hearing a suggestion that the young lass present should deliver a kiss instead of a hand shake. Her boy friend was too big anyway.

After flying was completed, my pocket suffered in buying a few "convivials" and I didn't even mind overhearing someone say "I thought he'd never go solo after some of the duel flights he had!"

It just goes to show that even the worst get there eventually.

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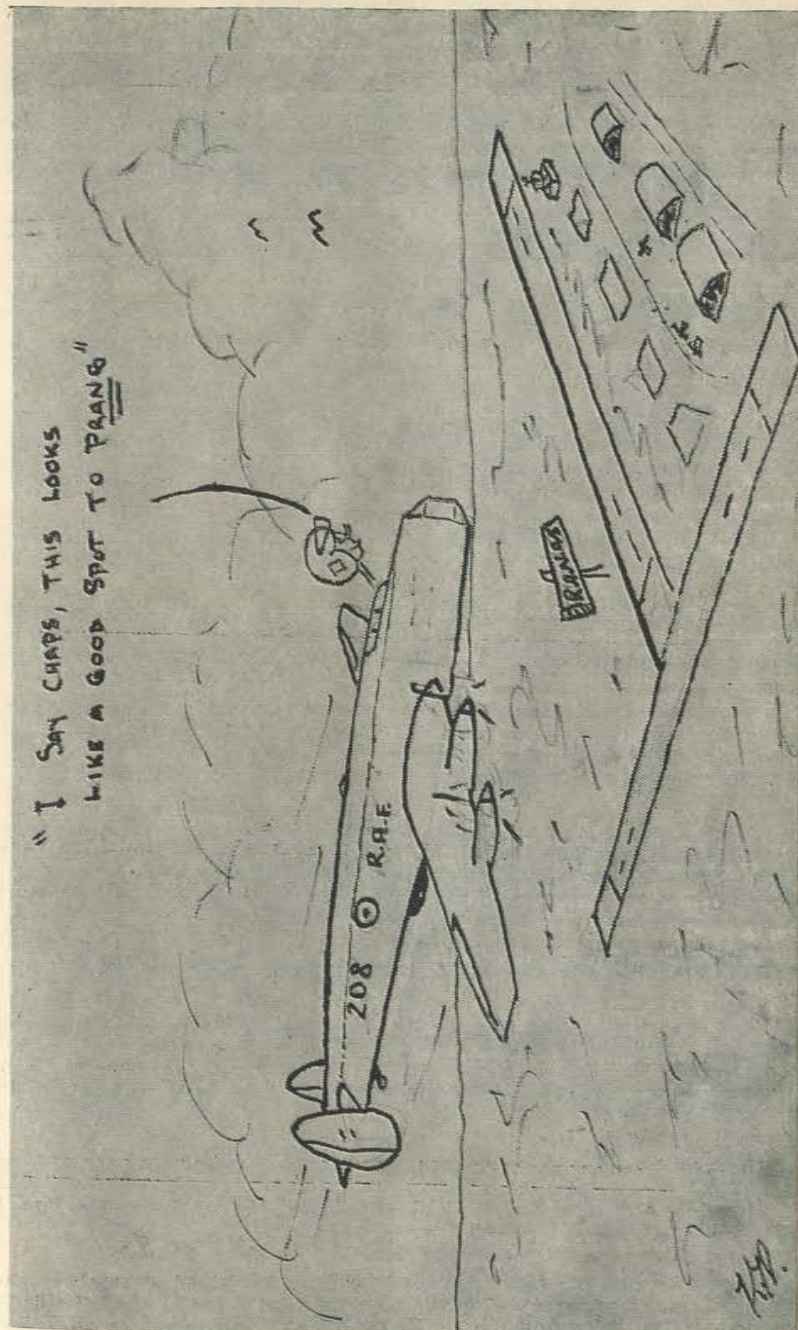
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AROUND THE TAR-MAC!

J. O'F arrived back Monday morning 10th inst. from his duty run to the U.K. and U.S.A. Half his luck! Was not the least impressed with the domestic airlines in the States. On one occasion having run faster than the other passengers and secured one of those unbooked seats (no — not that ladies) the following conversation between two latecomers and the hostess took place:

Pass: "Where are our seats?"

Host: "You got a ticket?"

Pass: "Yes, First Class."

Host: "Can you see a seat?"

Pass: "No."

Host: "Well, I guess you better get off."

Jim also tells us that by the time the journey was over the plane was knee high in butts, coke bottles and candy wrappings.

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FROM THE BIRD FARM

Someone saw our poultry farming pilot walking around with a smile. He'd just heard that he was going back to sea. But only for a weekend cruise. Bundaberg-Sydney. Then back to urge the hens on to better things.

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Glad to hear that Col Wheatley is now on sick leave after a successful stint in B.N.H.

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Don't stand still in H hangar or you'll be painted. The place is really active — the C.O. of 724 has imported at great expense two former S.S. Guards as stand over men. Chemnitz was never like this.

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Overheard a Chief say to an overworked N.A., after using a phrase made famous lately by the Duke of Edinburgh. "Get cracking," to which the N.A. replied. "But Chief, Rome wasn't built in a day."

"No," replied the Chief — "but I wasn't the supervisory on that job."

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After a call from one of the Hangars stating that a certain phone was U/S, the telephone technician asked the N.A.2 "What number are calling from?" After a long pause he added, "Come on, it's on the dial." After a slight pause the reply came back, "Oh! yes, its 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-0."

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Our local policeman tells me that most car accidents occur on Saturdays and Sundays. Its a great life if you don't weekend."

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How casual can you get! Overheard one A.T.C. tell another, "That hound you sold me last week is blind." "Oh," said the other — "how do you know?" "Well," said the first, "I took it for a run the other day and it ran slap bang into a wall." "Is that all," replied the first, "he ain't blind; he just don't care."

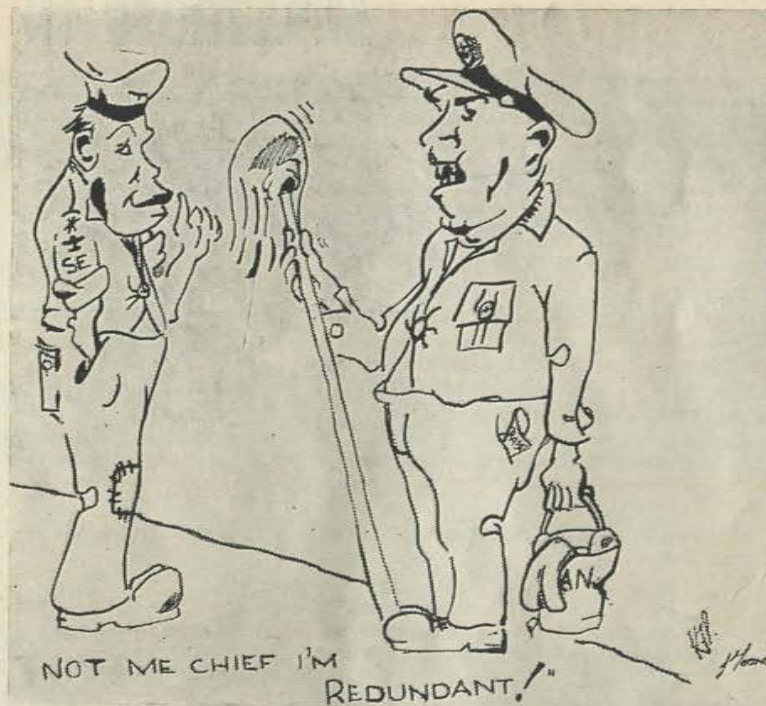
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Heaven help the Queen's English! This was heard in Philip Block recently.

Leading Airman catching sight of missing N.A. "Where's yer bin?" Reply was "Upstairs — where's yours?" Ouch!

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Happy hunting to Alex Ignatieff who has just joined Queensborough, Fishheading for a change after all these years. Just keep out of the dangerous quadrant Alex and you can forget everything else you've learned.



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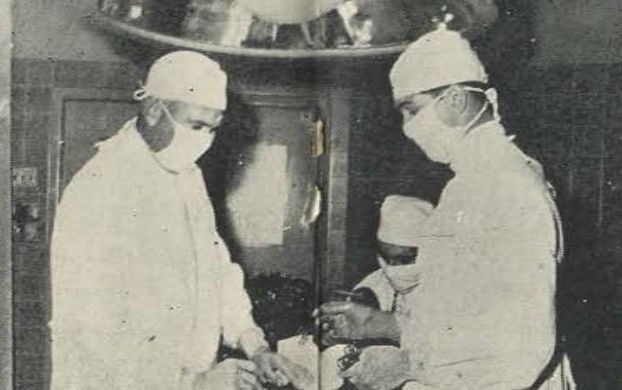
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PURPLE PATTEN

Slipstream time again, and as usual, your friend Scriptus was caught napping in his chair when the Editor bellowed in his ear "Two minutes to printing." One of these days our numerous correspondents in the field will send us some news so that the column writes itself. On the Wessex front, the last month has seen a quickening of the pulse and a clarion call to action on several fronts. We can reveal that the two large blue trolleys in M.R.S. are JETSTART units, containing the batteries of air bottles and various pipes, valves and gauges necessary to get the Gazelle to lurch into life. The third large blue object in M.R.S. is Mechanician Rankine (who wouldn't be blue now that the lovely lurk in Pompeyland is over). He is the Wessex S.M.P. (together with sundry assorted bodies who shot through and left him holding the baby as soon as the Comet kissed terra firma Kingsford Smithalis) and will answer all questions for a nominal fee. Younger recruits are requested to treat him with reverence — after all, he has SEEN them so they DO exist.

D of W are pressing forward with the holding down base at unbecoming speed — it is now rumoured that they have a DRAWING. One of our spies who caught a fleeting glimpse swears that it is a sketch plan to convert Building 296 into a garage for Cdr.(L)'s new Landrover but we discount such malicious rumours.

The maintenance task has been lowered by one helicopter in the past few weeks. Salvage earned their bread and butter and returned a magnificent collection of pieces for examination in C Hangar. An interested study group formed, examining the shining seats of the various dignitaries as they made their individual assessments. At one point, the smoke from the pipes of the assembled technical brains caused two false alarms of fire and prompted a by-passer to remark "When do they play McAlister's Lament."

Summer is closing on us rapidly as evidenced by the start of the water restriction season. It only remains for the Victa Mowers to clank into life and the station Engineer's cup will be full to overflowing.

"Willie" McBain has been doing sterling work behind the Sheet Metal workshop on the construction of a paddling pool to be sited near the Ditching Pool during the coming summer. All the local kids can thank Uncle Willie in person at the grand opening and, we understand, their fathers can place orders for backyard swimming pools at the same time. His advertising gimmick is a blonde with every pool.

The design and manufacture of a sailor-proof lawnmower is slowly nearing completion in Chief Atkins workshop — Len is a pretty beefy character but he was heard to mutter the other day "It may be sailor-proof but first they'll have to recruit gorillas strong enough to push it" (or words to that effect!).

The winter Interpart games have been completed since last issue and the Division have come through the period on a "Win a few, Lose a few" basis which has reduced our points score lead. The results of games played were as follows:

RUGBY UNION — defeated S & S 14-10 in the hardest fought game of our season. The able leadership of Lt. McAlister and fine goal kicking of L.M.(E) Overton provided the incentive for our most determined play to date. Congratulations to S/Lt. Morris for a finely refereed match.

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SOCCKER — lost to Electrical but defeated S & S. Our Soccer team does not seem to have clicked as well as in the past despite individual good performances. However, against Supply the score 8-2 would seem to indicate that they are settling down together.

AUSTRALIAN RULES — defeated Electrical on forfeit.

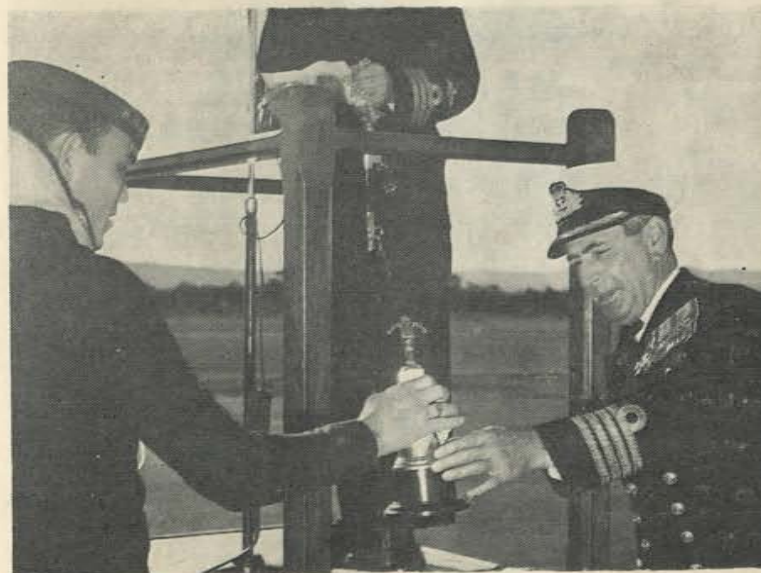
HOCKEY — lost to Squadrons, a great blow when we had hoped to sweep the field in this sport. However, a win over Supply finished the season well for this team. Congratulations to all players.

BASKETBALL — defeated Squadrons on forfeit.

SQUASH — lost to Station. Plans to stage an accident and occupy the Doc and Father Mac during the crucial period somehow went astray (the Sports Officer refused to let us break his leg with a hammer, the cad).

These results bring us to the final events of the sporting year, Athletics, Cross-Country and V.A.T. Smith Trophy, with a two point lead. Our thanks to all Sportsmen who have contributed to this position and full support to the wearers of the Purple Sash in the final events.

SCRIPTUS PURPILLICUS.



● CAPTAIN J. S. MESLEY, M.V.O., D.S.C., A.D.C., R.A.N., presenting R.E.M. Winkel with the cup for Water Polo during a recent divisions.



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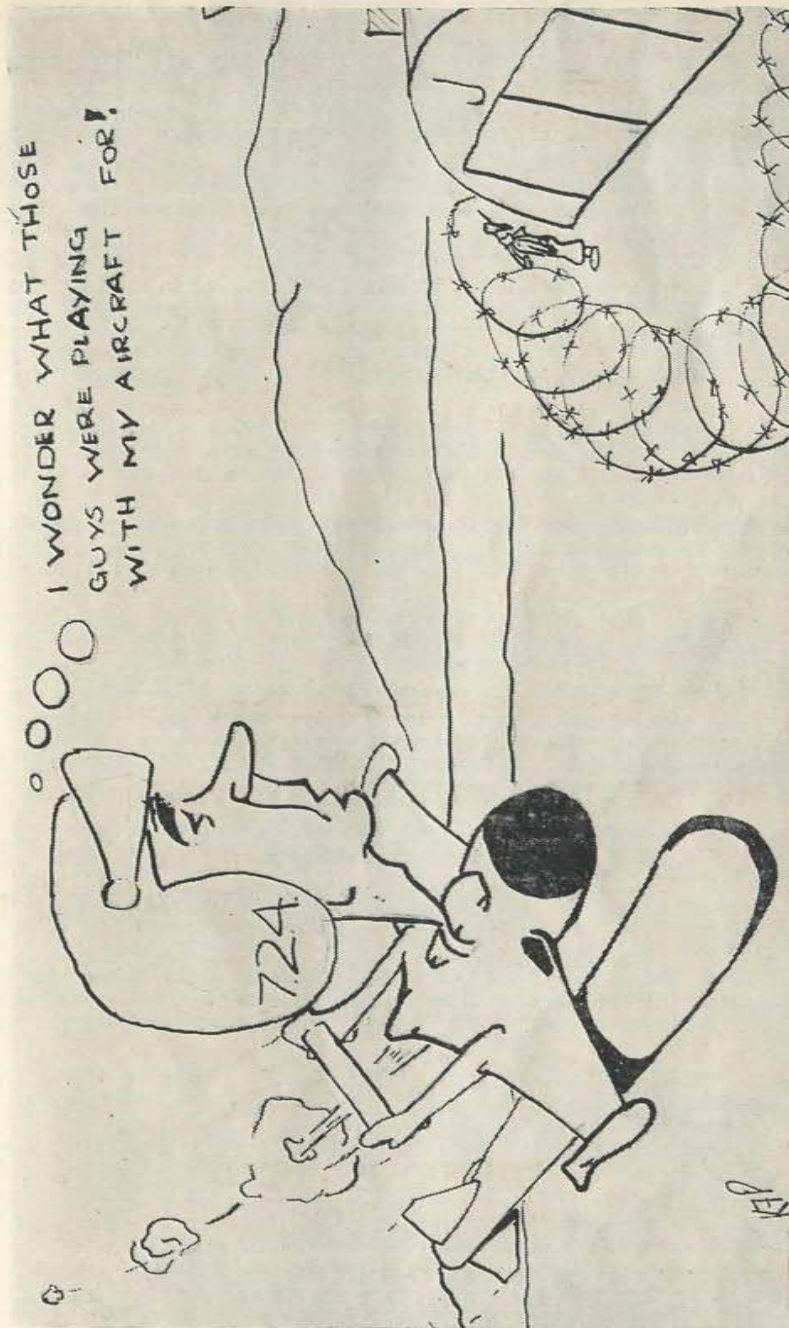
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ANGELS CORNER

For just one issue, Angel's Corner will be called "SATAN'S SANCTUM" as the authorship changes due to the return to the R.N. of a most CHAMPION fellow. We are all sorry he's left for the unwashed land — even Johnson & Johnson will feel the pinch.

People ask why the pen name MISTRAL? It comes from a strong wind that blows in the South of France. That's a lot of hot air anywhere! Now guess who!

The 'L' boys played S & S who were completely "Harriséd" at Union (the only code) last Wednesday. We saw a new meaning to the expression "Being Yorked" as our D.L.O. took the field after a few years break. Billy Snell tried hard to play the game with four posts each end whilst on the sidelines 'tis said the Marquis of Queensbury (or was it de Sade) governed an argument between your columnist and an S & S bod. I lost three stripes to two.

New members to the "L" world! Lieut. Cdr. Williams, L.R.E.M. Sharrock, C.El. Rice and E.M. Oakley have been presented with new income tax deductions since we last went to print. Congratulations to all wives on a job well done.

There is no truth in the rumour that an order to lessen the barbs of literary arrows hurled by my predecessor the Engineers gave us a new Landrover. A Wickett untruth! It was purely on a friendship basis. By George!!

Welcome back to S.M.P. from the land of the shoes. With all the extra knowledge gained "Fevvers" Crowe should have Stirling House in A1 condition again. "Lonzo" Brooks looks like something from the Barbary Coast though anyone can see its a long while between "Barbers."

Fine work by our unsung heroes of Sydney Naval caused the biggest upset of the year when the Navy side downed Newtown in the "Rules." E.M.'s Johnson, Clarke and Snell and L.R.E.M. Hilzinger should be proud of their efforts throughout the year.

Specs Hingston is hard training over the Nowra Hill Course for the "L" section Athletic Team. Honest fellas, he was due to be relieved from part of ship — he really was.

The Boss has taken up the Royal and Ancient Game. He plays most Friday afternoons but we are unable to identify his partner as we flash past in the "Rat Race." Maybe its the dark glasses fooling me.

Chief Charlie and Petty Officer Jim, stalwarts of the meter reading brigade, are in the middle of the quarterly row with the Married Quarters Natives. One word, please lads, keep off the rockery as you pound into G.L.S.

A new item of machinery has arrived in L.R.S. Its the compressor for the bang generator (what's that? its a sad SAAB story). Suggestions are being sought as to where we should put it?

It was good to see the Radio Section playing the Army and R.A.A.F. in the Inter-Service Soccer. Well done lads, we'll miss you when you go.

Henry Taylor and Horse Doncon are occupying all their spare time making the hurdles for the Inter-Service Athletics. They reckon next time they are asked to volunteer they'll look before they leap.

Who was it got his teeth into E.M. Gavin's ginger? Rumour has it that even beer glasses will bite if they get enough grog. The Nurmurkah Kid needs to pass the plate around more it it means light duties.

One final thought for the week:

If you're SHOCKED and re VOLTED by what you have read, not POSITIVE WATT to do, things are beginning to ERG you then the CURRENT advice is don't offer any RESISTANCE just go OHM to bed.

MISTRAL

EDITOR'S NOTE

In case nobody recognises the style of the author, a second clue to identity is given — the pseudonym should be Martel which is Old French for Hammer. This chap is the greatest exponent of the hammer we've had in the R.A.N. Best of luck in the October selections Charlie.

Did you hear the one about the works foreman: He dropped a house brick on his foot, and there he was, sitting on the edge of the barrow, telling God all about it.

The same foreman's brother got sacked from the butcher's last week. He sat on the bacon slicer and got a little behind in his deliveries.



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For summer we have the most dashing range of bathing caps, beach bags and sunglasses which will dazzle last year's fashions into shameful obscurity. Perhaps you'd like a magnificent Pompadour wig to cover your crowning glory for those dips in the briny. Then why not match it with a beach bag that really shouts distinction? And if you want to hide behind a facial sunscreen we can suit you with models from Italy, France, England and even good old Australia.

Thinking just a little further ahead (but not all that far!) and with Christmas in mind we can show you the largest range of imported perfumes — from under 10/- to £58 — beauty and cosmetic cases from 59/6, Kent brushware made by England's finest tradesmen, and, for the children, Wendy Boston, Kiddicraft and Playskool toys.

Many of our customers are taking advantage of our Lay-by system and, of course, this is available to everyone and applies to everything we carry.

We know that it seems that Christmas has come twice this year but we must remind you that the early bird will catch the worm at

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On Tuesday, 28th August, a joint Inspection (and of course A.J.A.S.S. is considered to be quite a joint) was made by the Air Officer Commanding Operational Command and the Flag Officer-in-Charge East Australia Area.

Here we see Air Vice Marshall A. R. Murdoch C.B., C.B.E., R.A.A.F. inspecting the Albatross Guard on his arrival — Officer of the Guard is Sub Lieutenant G J. MacKenzie.

Supply Corner

WRITER'S RAVINGS

The last fortnight amongst the scribes has been unusually quiet — someone suggested that the reason may be the absence of P.O. Wtr. Treagus on leave.

C.P.O. Wtr. Coyne has joined the other Navv after being with us only a very short spell and a new Writer (Air) is Lew Horsfield, who joined from "Queenborough" (a good TYPIST, so we hear).

Les Whe'lan has reverted from the Navy's senior Writer to the Junior Leading Writer. Congratulations, Les!

It may be of interest to know that Leading Writer Ian Morgan who was here earlier this year, is now the father of a bouncing boy.

Wtr. Terry Hogan has left us for the cold outside world. He managed, much to the chagrin of all the staff to arrange for more than his fair share of farewell parties. The next day's sore heads were a sight to behold.

It is heard that a certain Chief Writer is playing Cat and Mouse around the Captain's Office with one of our deputy heads of Departments. True?

This week's tip: Watch the form of one of the Writers in the Station 440 yards Athletic Championships.

Kook's Korner

It seems the Cooks are always getting the rough end of the stick in Birdy-land. We are not only in 3 watches but if we don't fill this page we will find ourselves at Divisions on our 24 off.

During lunch the other day a young Birdie was knocked back for a second helping of duff. When the boss heard about this the Cooky responsible got a very severe smack on the wrist and the Birdie ended up with his duff.

If the Boss had known it was the fourth duff this clot had been up for I am quite sure we all know who would have received the smack.

CONFUCIUS SAY:

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Old Confucius, or please yourself, young Confucius, did not know that we General Service blokes would finish up with Birdies ranging round our necks. Had he known this he would have undoubtedly said:

A Bird in the bush is worth two in the Tower.

We thought in our ignorance, that ucker boards were the sole prerogative of hangars.

Next time you are down that way have a look-see through the tower.

Have heard that:

Aircraft plotting is carried out on an Ucker's Board.

Weather is plotted on an Ouija Board.

They get results

And as you see

They get them "Met"

Or Magically.

BIRDS

Webster's (no relation to Bert) New Twentieth Century Dictionary (unabridged) says:

Page 185 (a) Any animal belonging to a class of warm blooded vertebrates (with wings and feathers).

(b) A maiden; a girl.

(c) A person; as, he's a queer bird.

(d) A sound of disapproval made by the lips fluttering.

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(d) Bird Fancier One who is interested in birds. i.e. Cookery Officers

(e) Birdman An Aviator.

(f) Bird-witted Not having the faculty of

BEAGLES CORNER

Congratulations to Barry Partridge, a member of the pennant winning Sydney Naval Rules team. Best of luck in your new draft, Barry.

Bigger Moan: The certain Chief mentioned in last month's issue, has lessened his chances further to gain passengers to Sydney, by running out of road one evening last week. (High spirits, no doubt).

A certain L/Stwd, is running around like Tulloch. (Caught a small dose of colic).

Great delight at the birth of "Jazza's" pups under Stewards' Mess. Big argument on ownership. (Who had 'em, "Jazza" or a Beagle?).

"Titch" Muller earned his day off for golf on Monday, 10th, by winning the E.A.A. B Grade championships.

M.A.G. is rearing its big head again for a long stay this period. (Can't handle sea time).

— "DUSTY."

VICTUALLING VOGUE

I'm afraid Sam Snoe let us down this month — either is out of news or is it because he hasn't appeared on the Draft Note.

We are still suffering from painters corns and we haven't fathomed out what our next job will be when Admirals are over.

I believe an L.S.A.(V) spent a very worrying couple of hours when he discovered the bike was missing and the keys still on the key-board.

We now have a super-salesman in our department — even sold his own car when he didn't want to and now has to purchase another car so he can go home on week-ends. I wonder if the Macquarie Port had anything to do with it.

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS or ITS MOMENTS LIKE THESE YOU NEED MINTIES: A senior Butcher cutting up a side of the 1st Lieutenants special Pay Week Port for the Head of the Supply Department (who is watching and waiting impatiently to go on leave) — knife slips, two fingers sliced. We are now drafting 2 No. Butchers away so the Senior can gain experience in Butchery.

I believe the S.A.(V) who went to the Shell Garage for oil to grease the Butchers Bacon Slicing Machine will know where to go in the future.

With Admirals coming up and it looks like long whites, Honest John, our Slops King, has released a special for Admirals Divisions.

(White Shoe Cleaner at 9d. per tube) — Come along while they last (that's if you can find the Store open).

COUNTER JUMPERS' CORNER

Seems like that rolly polly S/A is still much in the picture, what with stirring up the J.R.C. and a'l. He's been getting rather hot under the collar whilst ashore, too. Had to be cooled down with ice blocks on one occasion.

Another of our esteemed colleagues was seen hanging around the Berrima Gool area, handing over money to one of the locals. Conscience money, perhaps? Maybe the future results of his Bowral escapades will result in some confinement and some friends amongst the locals could be very handy. He certainly likes them young. Saw him running an errand for a 15 year old lass the other night. Still, he's improving. By the time the next edition goes to print, he may be chasing 16 year olds. Must be the spring. He's been doing some extra polishing lately, too. Maybe he is on a commission from Kiwi Co.

It's good to see Bilko trying to climb that ladder again. Best of luck, Serge, you've got a mate down at Flinders trying, too. Who said "with three of gold, you're too old."

Heard that one of the wives in the "Patch" is buying her hubby a tricycle for when he rides home from the J.R.C. We'll see if he can roll it as easy as a two-wheeler. He's getting so old now that a wheelchair might be the better buy.

Have noticed one of the S/A's doing training runs from the mess at "Out pipes" each morning and afternoon down to the store. Haven't seen his name amongst the list of contestants, but maybe he's a late entry as Supply's Secret Weapon.

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Sporting Notes

The winter sports season has been concluded and Engineering and Electrical divisions have each gained 26 points. The points awarded for the four winter games are:—

1. Engineering	26 points
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3. Squadrons	21 points
4. Supply	19 points
5. Air	9 points
6. Station	4 points

RUGBY UNION: Electrical (10); Engineering (8); Supply (4); Air (4); Station (4); Squadrons (0).

SOCCER: Electrical (10); Engineering (7); Squadrons (7); Supply (4); Air (2); Station (0).

HOCKEY: Squadrons (10); Engineering (8); Supply (6); Electrical (4); Air (2); Station (0).

AUSTRALIAN RULES: Supply (5); Squadrons (4); Engineering (3); Electrical (2); Air (1); Station (0).

Events still to be contested are Athletics on 19th September, the V.A.T. Smith relay and the Cross Country later on in the year. A second round of squash and basketball will carry on until the end of the year and points from these games will be added to those obtained in the first round.

ALBATROSS RUGBY UNION

After playing 15 matches without defeat and having scored 507 points to 67 points against, Albatross was defeated by Watson in the semi-final by one point and then was defeated by three points in the final by an improved Kuttabal side.

Watson fielded their strongest side for the year and hit the front with seconds to go. Albatross led 8-3 at half time and the team was still leading 13-6 with five minutes to go but unfortunately for Albatross, Watson was able to find that little bit extra and ran out winners by 14-13. Particular praise must be given to Watson's powerful lock Brian Dall who is playing the best football of his career.

In the final Albatross played below form and was defeated by a determined Kuttabal side. In this game Kuttabal went away to an early 11-0 lead and even though Albatross tried hard, the team was beaten 11-8. For most of the final 15 minutes play was in Kuttabal's territory but lapses in handling an dover running proved costly to Albatross.

Congratulations to Watson for their 24-8 victory over Kuttabal and equal congratulations to the injury-stricken Kuttabal team for their gallant effort. The score was 8 all five minutes after half time and then Kuttabal unfortunately lost their left winger through injury.

It is believed that golf club sales have soared since the final. This is rather surprising as it is yet to be substantiated that the game is played in Siberia.



BASKETBALL

The winter season has been completed some 3 weeks now and it was unfortunate that our two teams were defeated in the semi-finals and finals. Navy team fought well to get into the 4th position in defeating Milton but were defeated by Surf in the semi-finals after a closely fought match. Rebels were defeated by Sparks in the final and it was good to see Athol Laing and "Spike" Giles turn up from the Melbourne in Sydney to play. They "hitched" from Sydney and were taken back after the game to the ship in a car from here. The next day brought some argument as to the performance of the Mini-minors and Sprites!

Through the efforts of P.O.'s Lew Llewellyn and "Blue" Weathered, a summer competition was initiated to train new players and raise the standard of Basketball in the District generally. All matches are played at Albatross on Monday and Wednesday nights and teams are ungraded. Lew and Blue donated a trophy for the Grand Final winners and named it "The Albatross Trophy," to be played for each year in the summer competition.

The Navy team is very strong with the recent addition of Blue Walker and Norm Rossington and will be hard to toss. Rebels have formed a second team mainly of new players and with the M.A.G. players back soon, will be a strong team.

REBOUND.

ALBATROSS GOLF CLUB NOTES

Regular competitions have been held at the Albatross course during the past few months. These competitions are usually conducted on Wednesday afternoons and also one of the week-end days. From the roll up at these events it is evident that golf has taken a firm hold in this establishment. 120 members were financial at the last count recently, which makes us the largest golf club in the R.A.N. in spite of the claims by F.N.D.

While this so it is no wonder that Albatross has been unbeaten so far in the inter ship competition for 1962. Also Albatross has eight players in the training squad for the Inter Service Golf matches to be played on the 24th September at Nowra Golf Club. These representatives are:

Cdr. Treloar; Cdr. Bailey; AAI Jenkins; CPO Richards; AAI Rankine; P.O. Winnem; P.O. Dun; SBPO Hannan.

The grapevine tells that "Wingy" O'Shea is also on the way back to Albatross after a short spell on the beach, and if this proves to be true he will also be added to the team.

In the only representative match played recently Albatross didn't fare so well, and this was in the fourth round of the Davis Shield series with Nowra Golf Club. Nowra won this match by about 20 points and made the tally for the series three matches to one. Congratulations to Nowra Club on winning back the Shield this year.

Albatross players have also been well represented in Nowra teams for pennants and White Horse Cup matches. This year we have had three representatives play in the A Pennant series in Cdr. Treloar, Cdr. Bailey and AAI Jenkins. Cdr. Treloar was the captain of this pennant team throughout the whole series. "Mick" Winnem has also represented in the B Pennant team for most of the year and Ron Cole played in the White Horse Cup. This shows that our players have also the ability to give a good showing in open competition.

Many new faces are now being seen on the course and quite a few are now taking lessons in local pro. Dick Procter's classes held on Thursdays. Even the ladies are having lessons and serious thought must now be given to admitting associate members to the Club.

As mentioned before the Inter Service series will be played shortly and this year the outcome should be very interesting. The R.A.N. hold the Feltex Cup for this event, first winning this event in 1957. The Cup has remained with the R.A.N. ever since although last year the event was washed out and the match abandoned. This year we hope to field a strong team once again, and being played locally the team should have many supporters. Thirteen caddies will be required for the day which will be Thursday, 27th September. No doubt all members will be willing to assist the team as much as possible and to act as hosts for visiting members of the Army and R.A.A.F.

Creswell has challenged us for the Naiad Cup which we have held since September 1960. This match will be played at Jervis Bay on Sunday 14th October and will prove a pretty stiff test for our players on the unfamiliar course.

More news about this match and the Inter Service series in the next issue and until then good golfing.



Navy's Interservice Soccer Team

SOCCER CLUB

Since our last report the main interest in the soccer club has been the Interservice trials, selection of a squad, training sessions and finally the matches Army and R.A.A.F. Albatross was well represented with no fewer than 8 players in the final team.

The first match on Monday 20th August, Navy v. R.A.A.F. was played in very windy conditions making ball control very difficult. The final score was 4-1 giving Navy first blood in the series.

Wednesday 22nd saw the Army v. R.A.A.F. match and gave the Navy squad a look at the Army team they were to meet. Their forward line in particular was very fast and efficient and gave our squad some food for thought. The final result was a 5-2 win for Army thereby putting R.A.A.F. third in the competition.

The final match Navy v. Army was played on Friday 24th and drew a good number of barrackers as it was obvious the two teams were closely matched and a hard fought game would ensue. Army seemed to have trouble getting started and Navy took advantage of this to run up a 4-1 lead by half time. In the second half, however, Army really found form whilst Navy just couldn't seem to do a thing right. As a result of this Army went on to a 5-4 win. The results for 1962 Interservice soccer was then:

ARMY 1st. NAVY 2nd. R.A.A.F. 3rd.

Our next game is to be held at the Nowra Showground under flood-lights on October 1 against a Nowra team. The match is being held in conjunction with the local Lyrebird Festival being held at that time and a full report on the game will be given in our next issue.

BOGEY.

ALBATROSS HOCKEY CLUB

Since the mid winter leave period the Albatross Hockey Club has been having a fairly lean time owing to the shortage of players and the current circulation of the "wog." We are thankful for the few chaps who have played to fill gaps in the team, for, although we were often beaten, at least we kept a full team on the field.

Until Saturday, 1st September, we were last on points score, but the team rallied to beat the top team, A.I.S., on the 1st, bringing us to equal 4th position with two other teams. We played a deferred match against Wollongong Rangers on Sunday, but were defeated mainly because some players were unavoidably late in reaching Wollongong and the team was forced to begin play with only six men. An official apology was given by the Association over this matter but, as the points didn't affect the teams, no replay was ordered.

In the match against Wollongong Rangers on Saturday, 8th September, we were unlucky to draw 3 all as we were winning 3-2 until the last minute when they equalised when our goalie and full back got a bit confused as to who was going to clear the ball. However, as the other two teams were beaten we are now in 4th position, by 1 point.

The last match will be played here on Saturday 15th against Bulli, and if we win, will remain in for the semi-finals. A draw will put us on level points with Wonoona if they win..

Mick Rudling has received several mentions over the radio for his good work as our goalie and pulls off some fantastic saves. We are hoping the team will return to full strength for the semi-finals as the M.A.G. will be back with us and many of our players with it.

B. LISTER.

R.A.N. GLIDING ASSOCIATION

The Gliding Club has had a very quiet period over the past few weeks owing to the high winds and the helicopter flying over the weekends. There has been some flying at Jervis Bay and some good flights have been made from there.

On Saturday, 11th August, some of the club members visited the Southern Cross Club at Camden with the Nymph. The main purpose of the visit was to attend the general meeting. The weekend turned out to be very wet but an enjoyable weekend was had by all.

The Jervis Bay Course began on Saturday, 8th September and there are six cadets and one Lieutenant on the Course. The instructors are C.P.O. Hodges and Musician O'Leary and E.M. Mitchell. Plans are well in hand for the coming championships at Aarramine in December and approval is being sought from Navy Board for the selected crews to attend.

The Kookaburra Mk.4 is kept at Jervis Bay for the duration of the Course there and each member of the Course is brought up to "B" Certificate Standards, i.e. 3 solo flights each. It is expected to finish on Sunday, 16th September when the Mk.4 will be towed back here.

Last Sunday, 9th September, E.M. Mitchell came back from Jervis Bay to operate here; however, as only three members turned up, the flying here was cancelled.

Providing the weather is reasonable, flying will be on here at the weekend and it is hoped we'll have a better roll-up.

B. LISTER.

ALBATROSS RUGBY LEAGUE

The season's results were a little disappointing compared with those of last year. However we reached the semi-finals and were knocked out by Nowra Warriors to the tune of 23-3, after holding them at 3-all at half time. We were beaten, but from all reports, were not disgraced, as the Nowra lads were aware that they had a tough game on their hands right up to the final bell. Our lone try was scored by Ross Oakley, after a good movement, which was initiated by big Harry Harkness who, by the way, seemed to acquire a new lease of life in the last few games of the season. John Bromage gained the best and fairest points in this game, mainly for his tenacious tackling.

All member of the club are reminded that the end of the season social will be held in the R.S.L. on Saturday, 13th October, 1962. A good time is assured, and further particulars can be obtained from S/Lt. (Reg) Morris.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

Albatross finished the 1962 midweek Rules competition easy Premiers.

They had the very distinguished record of finishing the entire season undefeated.

With a heavy cross wind blowing, Albatross was soon in attack with full forward Clarke v Goaling grandly from a fine mark. The 1st Field Regiment fought back hard but in the end Albatross won easily.

Final scores — Albatross 12 Gls. 7 BHs. 79 Pts.
1st Field Reg. 2 Gls. 4BHs. 16 Pts.

Captain and Coach A.B. Fitzgerald was an inspiration to his side, whilst all Albatross players played grandly.

ALBATROSS RIFLE CLUB

The Albatross team, consisting of six members, travelled to the Long Bay Rifle Range on the 18th July. to compete in the Inter-Ship and Establishment Rifle Shooting competition.

Of the five teams competing Albatross top scored with a score of 625, with the next nearest team 190 points behind.

Scores were: Albatross 625; Watscn 425; Melbourne 307; Dest/Frigates 301.

All members and intending members are reminded that practice shoots are carried out on alternate Wednesdays on the Nowra range.

Enquiries to Sub-Lieut. Lamb, C.P.O. McCosker, or P.O.A. A. F. Weaver.



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INTER-SERVICE NOTES

On Thursday 27th and Friday 28th September, the last of the 1962 Inter-Service events will be contested in H.M.A.S. Albatross, with Golf on the Thursday on the Nowra Course and Athletics on the Station on Friday. These events will commence at 0900 and 0930 respectively.

At present the R.A.A.F. are leading the Navy and Army in both men competitions, and even if they fail in the coming events, they will still have the greatest number of points on the 1962 scoreboard.

From the Inter-Service Athletics, a Combined Services team will be selected to contest a match with the A.A.A. of N.S.W. on Saturday 29th September.

A wind-up celebration will be held in the cinema for all competitors and officials of the Inter-Service Golf and Athletics at approximately 1630 on Friday 28th.

The Navy has been the host Service for the 1962 events and Albatross particularly has been host for the cricket, swimming, squash, basketball and soccer. Our aim now is to turn on a really good show to conclude the series. This can only be done with the co-operation of all personnel in ensuring that the visiting Services really enjoy their stay and depart appreciative of the hospitality and enthusiasm of Albatross in the sporting sphere.

1962 SCOREBOARD

MEN

EVENT	NAVY	ARMY	AIR FORCE
Cricket	10	20	30
Water Polo	20	10	30
Swimming and Diving	20	10	30
Bowls	10	3	7
Rifle Shooting	10	30	20
Squash	3	10	7
Basketball	10	20	30
Rugby Union	20	10	30
Australian Rules	30	10	20
Soccer	20	30	10
Tennis	20	10	30
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	173	163	242

To be contested — Golf and Athletics

WOMEN

Swimming	20	10	30
Softball	20	30	10
Basketball	10	20	30
Hockey	10	20	30
Tennis	20	30	10
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	80	110	110

To be contested — Athletics

Interservice Tennis

Way back in 1946 when M.A.A. Bert Harrell was a sprightly young lad, he represented the Navy in Inter-Service tennis in his first year in the Service. Regularly every year since he has been turning out to uphold the honour of the Navy.

Once again this year he took his flock of Albatross players to White City. His parting remarks on this occasion were "I'm getting too old for this type of lark, it's time some of the younger blokes took over." He maintains that he was talked into it by "high authority."

Seven Albatross players made the squad — M.A.A. Harrell, P.O.E.L.(A) Herron, S.B.P.O. Kildey, P.O. Mathews, L.E.M.(A) Harris, L.E.M.(A) Kirkman and N.A.M. Richards, and five made the final playing team.

On 28th August, Air Force easily defeated Army 11 rubbers to 2 rubbers.

On 29th August, Air Force defeated Navy 8 rubbers to 5. The youth of the Air Force seemed the decisive factor in this match, however, the veterans gave them a run for their money.

On 30th August, Navy defeated Army 8 rubbers to 5. In this contest Richards of Albatross put up a very good show to win his singles match.

Congratulations to our representatives, they played well. That veteran of veterans, Bert Harrell, won both his singles matches and one of the doubles. His first words when he arrived back were, "Well that is definitely the last time." However, I am reasonably confident that again next year we will see him represent, as he is still able to teach the younger players a thing or two.

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A DAY TO REMEMBER

History will be made on September 29th. when, for the first time ever, the N.S.W. Amateur Athletic Association will send a State Representative athletic team to contest a match with Combined Services at N.A.S. Nowra. Moreover, this match will be a preview to the Empire Games Selection Trials, to be held in Melbourne two weeks later.

The match will be contested between two members of the Services, chosen by placings in the Inter-Services match on 28th September, against the number one ranked State athlete in his event and another A Grade athlete who is being coached for State selection.

So far it appears that all the "name" athletes of the State will be selected, but of course the appearance of such competitors will be governed by their own training programmes. Athletes so far who have affirmed they will come if selected are Alf Mitchell, javelin; Len Chinnery, shot and discus; Dave Power and Albert Thomas, distance; Doug Black, 440 yards; Dave Prince and Garry Kuske, hurdles; and John McCann, jumps. Truly a formidable array. It is hoped that some of the ladies training squad will be on view and providing the weather is good a truly great day's sport will be assured.

The match is going to be televised on the National T.V., and a wide coverage will be given in the Press. All that is needed to make this day a roaring success is the roars of a good sized crowd. Make the 28th a day to remember! Come along and see the greats in action. Your family, friends and relations will be most welcome. Events will commence at 1330.

Tombola in the Village Hall

Tombola is held every pay Friday evening in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. except when a social is on, when tombola is played on the pay Thursday evening.

There are 6d., - 1/-, and every 6th House is a 2/- house. A Jackpot is run on the 1/- and 2/- houses and the amount increases £2 each night until taken off. The Jackpot commences at £5 on 48 numbers and is now worth £21 on 56 numbers.

Coffee is usually on sale and now that summer is approaching it is planned to have cordials available. Now that the new tickets have been paid for, there will be an additional prize to go off each night.

So, for a cheap night if you lose and a profitable one otherwise, come along. The more there, the bigger the House. Mrs. Kenny and Mrs. Dalby are the attractive ticket sellers, and the voices of Rex Grennan, Ray Larson and Barry Lister will keep you awake (or asleep).

Tombola is on Thursday 20th September (pay night).

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VILLAGE NOTES

NEW ARRIVALS

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 To Mr. and Mrs. Brown, a daughter, Vicky Lynne.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Birtles, a son, Michael Joseph.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Sherrock, a daughter, Karen Ann.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Lee, a son, Phillip Lindsay.

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WELFARE WORKER LEAVES ALBATROSS

The many friends of Mrs. Scott will be sorry to learn that she is leaving the Navy on the 21st September.

She was farewelled at an Afternoon Tea Party, given in her honour at the home of Mrs. Loretta Hayes, on the 11th September. We would like to wish her every success in the coming future.

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There is a rumour going around the Patch that Vampire Drive residents are asking for heavier fly wire screens for their front windows.

Could it be that the Ladies Golf Practise is worrying them?

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Friends of Mrs. Trainer are glad to see that she is up and around again after her recent illness.

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CUB NEWS

BOTTLES: The Cub Master and Cubs of the 1st Nowra Hill Wolf Cub Pack wish to thank the people of Married Quarters for the help with their last Bottle Drive. A sum of £10 was made by this drive.

JOBS: A Bobs for Jobs Week will be held from the 15th until 22nd September by these same little fellows. Each Cub will be carrying a Blue Identification Card.

POTTERY: There are Pottery Classes held at the Village Hall every Tuesday 9 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. — its 5/- a lesson — and the price of clay is 1/- per lb. All are welcome to join.

CABARET: There is going to be a Cabaret held at the Village Hall on the 21st September. Tickets 5/-.. Bring a plate and make a night of it.

The last Cabaret held very successful — I think all who attended enjoyed themselves very much (I know my husband did — as he passed out on the floor when we arrived home).

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If you have any left over wool that can be knitted up for the Smith children or the Red Cross, please leave it in the carton at the Village Store for: Mrs. Gill, 15 Bedford Street.

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