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## AN ANNOUNCEMENT . . .

Thanks to the Welfare Committee and the patronage of the Nowra Businessmen, it has been possible to arrange for a SOUVENIR NUMBER of SLIPSTREAM for the XMAS ISSUE. On December 5th, a bigger, brighter and better copy will be on sale for the extremely reasonable figure of ONE SHILLING. Don't miss it; we are only printing 500, so first in . . . first served.

## AN APPRECIATION . . .

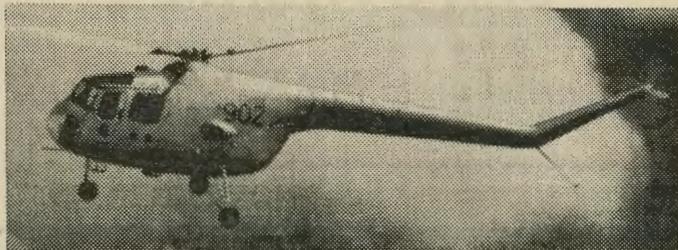
To Mrs. Dalloway, who has been our “Village Reporter.” Thanks Peg, our gratitude is great.

## A WELCOME . . .

To Mrs “?” whom we hope, having read the above, is about to rush to the phone and volunteer as our new “Village Reporter.” Seriously, though, if any Lady would like to volunteer, we would be only too pleased to WELCOME her. The number to ring is 451.

— THE EDITOR.

## 723 SQUADRON



723 Squadron was first formed in the R.A.N. on 7th April, 1952 with Commander J. A. Gledhill, D.S.C., then Lieutenant and now our Cmdr. (Air), in command.

Prior to this date little is known of its History, apart from the fact that it was once a float-plane Squadron with the R.N. When it formed here however, the role given to the new Squadron was varied and included co-operation with A.J.A.S.S. Fleet Requirements, Communications, Search and Rescue, Refresher and Instruments Flying and "Watsonian Interceptions".

Its first aircraft was a Dakota, soon followed by two Sea Furies, a Wirraway and a "Sea Otter". As time progressed so the Squadron grew, and in May, Fireflies were added to the list of aircraft.

On the 8th August, 1952, the Squadron first hit the front page of the newspapers when Lt. Cdrs. Wade-Brown and Johns—then Lieutenants—dropped supplies by parachute from the Dakota to the Lighthouse Keepers at Montague Island.

When the Bristol Sycamore arrived at Nowra on the 11th March, 1953, there began a long association—still in being—between the two. Since then, these aircraft have carried out many and varied assignments, including Plane-guard for the Carriers, Flood Relief, S.A.R. duties, V.I.P. flights and rescuing A.N.A.'s Chopper in Tasmania.

June, 1954 saw the first jets in the R.A.N.—Vampire Trainers—which were also added to the Squadron's slop chit: 723 continued carrying out her varied roles, adding some O.F.S. Pilot Training, Jet and Helicopter Conversion until October, 1956 when the Squadron was disbanded.

This disbandment was short lived, for on February 18, 1957, Lt. Cdr. Salthouse, R.A.N., formed a new 723 Squadron which consisted entirely of "Choppers". It is with this Rotary Wing Aircraft that we now associate 723 Squadron—the only "Squadron" as such in the R.A.N.

## Station Personality No. 7

Supply Lt. C. G. DAFFEY

R.N.



Supply Lt. C. G. DAFFEY joined the Royal Navy in 1928 at the age of 20. Prior to joining the Services he was engaged in clerical work with Estate Agencies.

After completing 4 months initial training he remained at Portsmouth Barracks, employed in Staff duties.

Two years later, in 1930, he commissioned H.M.S. "EFFINGHAM", a 10,000 tons Cruiser, which after working up, sailed for the East Indies Station where it remained for 2½ years.

During this period our personality took up boxing and represented the ship in the Middleweight Class against the Army, Police, and other various ports of call. He was included in a team of 60 which spent a week in Nairobi competing against the local athletes, but the hospitality was so highly organised that it played havoc with the Team's fitness.

Lt. Daffey was also keenly interested in fencing and won the Royal Navy Sabre Championship in 1939 and also the Foils Championship in 1947. He also won honours for the Navy against the Army and R.A.F. teams in Inter-Service games. Another time he competed in the Ceylon Boxing Championship, from which he emerged a much battered and bruised runner-up.

After leaving "EFFINGHAM", Lt. Daffey spent 18 months in Portsmouth Barracks and then joined H.M.S. "NEPTUNE" in February, 1934 for 2½ years, six months of which was spent at Gibraltar in readiness due to the Abyssinian campaign.

18 months at Whale Island was followed by 2 years loan service to the R.N.Z.N., from whence he returned in 1938 to Portsmouth Barracks.

The beginning of the War found our Personality aboard H.M.S. "ARGUS", an Aircraft Carrier which had been laid down as an Italian Liner during the first World War.

The "ARGUS" was equipped with 2 Tiger Moths, 4 Skuas, 4 Gladiators, and 4 Swordfish. A heavy working-up period was undertaken at Toulon.

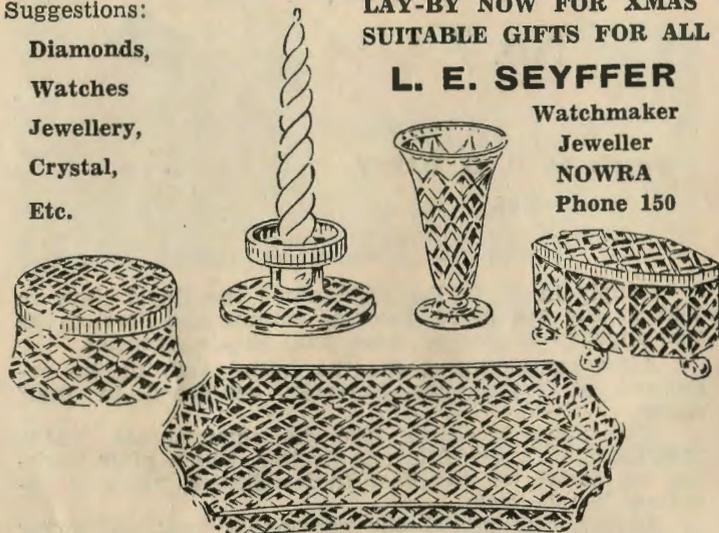
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EDITOR "SLIPSTREAM", SIR,

I am the wife of a "wealthy" pedestrian (that's what he calls himself), so the kids and I seldom see the beach (they tell me there's a beach here somewhere.)

Way back up the "bush", where we moved from to the M.Q., we used to go on "picnics".

Wholesome affairs, where a bus was chartered and the kids were turned loose on creek banks or an out of the way beach. They gorged themselves on sandwiches and luke warm soft drinks and came home wingeing and tired, but talked about it for weeks afterwards as the best day of their short little lives.

Down here all we hear or see is the soul tearing scream of aeroplanes and drought seared paddocks. A disorganised picnic to the beach would be paradise.

— "ALBATROSS WIDOW".

EDITOR "SLIPSTREAM", SIR,

I wish to apply for the position of companion to GUNNEDAH.

I am a lonely bird of the air, and I am not interested in his social status nor am I interested in the financial aspect of him.

I fell in love with Gunnedah when they first wheeled me into his hangar.

My bearings run hot and my oil boils when he squawks.

We have been conversing secretly for some time now and my Radar pulses within me tell me that he loves me.

GANET 314.

Next Door to the Admin. Block,  
5th November, 1957

EDITOR "SLIPSTREAM", SIR,

S—P—U—T—N—I—K

You've heard of Sputnik one!

You've heard of Sputnik two!

But have you heard of Sputnik three? But No-o-o.

The Russians haven't announced it! The Americans haven't announced it! Nor the British, nor anyone else!

You can swing your sets from the lowest point on the low bands to the highest point on the high bands, on any equipment the "L" boys can muster, and you'll never intercept its transmissions once.

But someone has! And there's a tape recording to prove it — ask the S.C.O.! He knows — he has the recording ! ! ! !

—ELMO GILL.

## LETTERS TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY

### No. 3 OUR AIR DISPLAY By Monty

Officer in Charge,  
Maintenance Party,  
R.A.N.A.S. Bombinjerry.

THE FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE,  
SOUTH COAST.

#### R.A.N.A.S. BOMBINJERRY — ANNUAL AIR DISPLAY

1. The following report on the annual air display held at R.A.N.A.S., Bombinjerry on 13th September in conjunction with the "Back to Bombinjerry Week" celebrations, is forwarded in accordance with South Coast Temporary Memorandum S.C. 402/2/57.

2. The main gates were opened to the general public at 1400, an admission charge of 3/- per head being levied, the proceeds from which were to be devoted to the purchase of Poker Machines for the Bombinjerry Nursing Mothers' Auxiliary League.

However, at 1450 it was observed that although some hundreds of spectators thronged the airfield, only 63 persons had passed through the main gate. A check showed that 60 of these were local dignitaries, holding complimentary tickets, and that the other three had tendered bad coins. Further investigation revealed that N/A. Fergus McHaggis, the sentry on No. 1 Crash Gate, had shown considerable enterprise by admitting the public for only 1/- per head and pocketing the proceeds.

Disciplinary action is not proposed, as McHaggis pleads strong compassionate grounds; namely, that he is supporting a de-facto wife with four children and that he is seriously in arrears in his legal wife's maintenance, as well as in his payments on his new motor car and his Fiancee's engagement ring.

3. It is regretted that the display of aerobatics and fly past by four Sea Demon aircraft had to be cancelled, due to a series of mishaps in which all aircraft were written off, three being involved in crashes and the fourth in a wet start. These minor accidents will form the subject of a separate report if required. The demonstration flight by a Fairey Jannet was also cancelled, as it was found that some person or persons unknown had removed the wheels from the only available Jannet during the lunch hour. However, the public appeared keenly interested in the wrecked machines and only expressed their disappointment that the crashes had not been planned for the air display.

4. A gliding exhibition by Lieutenant Falcon was extremely well received. This young Officer, who had never previously been airborne, took off at 1515 heading seaward. As he has not yet returned, it is presumed that he is bound for New Zealand and it is requested that the appropriate authorities be informed.

5. The fire fighting display was also well received. It was most unfortunate that in their zeal the fire fighting crew set fire to the new Fairey Jannet instead of the A.D.W. Firefly, which was standing further down the runway. It is regretted that the Jannet must be considered a complete write off.

6. During the Afternoon it was noted that the audience comprised mostly of women and children. This was explained when cries of "Come in Spinner" and "Fair Go" were heard coming from "C" Hangar. Investigations showed that the Regulating Staff had launched a highly successful "Swy" game in the Hangar.

However, as no reference to "Swy Schools" in hangars is contained in Q.R. & A.I., no further action is contemplated.

7. It is regretted that some slight unpleasantness arose when certain members of the public complained about the low grade petrol being sold in the M.T. Compound. Enquiries showed that N/A. Perks was doing a thriving trade in petrol and oil from the Station Bowsers. This rating has been severely reprimanded.

8. The display closed with afternoon tea in the various messes. Ratings' guests were served with tea, coffee, cakes and savouries, etc., while Officers' visitors enjoyed cold tea and toast in the Wardroom.

O. T. SNORKER, Lieut. Commander.

#### DISCIPLINE IN THE NAVY — EARLY HISTORY

Until 1645, the "laws and customs of the sea" were the only code for the day to day maintenance of order and discipline afloat. They were rough, but they were ready; nor, for that hard age, were they excessively brutal. At least they made a vallant effort to "make the punishment fit the crime".

Thus is Richard's ORDONNANCES, "whoever shall commit murder aboard ship shall be tied to the corpse and thrown into the sea; if — on land — tied to the corpse and burried alive." or again, "if any man be convicted of drawing a knife to stab another so that blood shall flow, he shall lose a hand; — if any man defame, vilify or swear at his fellow, he shall pay him as many pieces of silver as times he has reviled him; — if a robber is convicted, boiling pitch shall be poured over his head, and a shower of feathers be shaken over to mark him, and he shall be cast ashore."

Other penalties were keel-hauling, flogging at a capstan, hanging weights on offenders 'till there heart and back be ready to break' and 'gagging and scraping their tongues for blasphemy'. Persons failing to attend Divine Service on board were to be "knocked on the head with a bucket of water and fined sixpence". The full death penalty was allowed for some twenty-five different offences but was seldom exacted as Seamen were in too short supply!



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## AROUND THE STATION



Scran Queue in the Main Dining Hall.

During November, we have had the pleasure of being visited by both, the C.N.S., Sir Roy Dowling, and F.O.I.C.E.A. While here, C.N.S. presented Observer Badges to the following:— Lieutenant B. Dunn; Sub-Lieutenant D. C. McLaren; and Midshipmen Henry, Moy, Davies-Graham, Pring-Shambler, Turner. Midshipman Henry (or Sub-Lieut. as he is now), is to be congratulated on winning the Albatross Prize. Good luck to all of you—you'll be sorry.

The Air Engineering H.Q. Staff would like to congratulate a “certain Hypnotist” on convincing them that they now have new cups, for which he collected 2/- each.

Father Breslan was observed in the Sick Bay during the recent bloodletting, stoically giving out the regulation 600 c.c. A certain C.A.F. was heard to mutter, “I suppose he hopes some blooming Protestant will get it!” True Father?

Heard on the Husky 'Bus. “It's easy! The secret fuel being used by the Russians for rocket propulsion is CONCENTRATED VODKA!!!”

Harking back to 817 Squadron's history in the last Edition of “SLIPSTREAM”. The “Tubby Subby” of Stores Fame states that 817 still insists on concentrating its attacks on Supply lines.

We have heard that the next person to go to W.A. to take delivery of a "Seeing-eye" dog will be L/Air Podd. At present he has trouble distinguishing Aircraft Numbers. (The dog will have to be trained to read Flying Programmes.)

No comment:—

The mighty Noise of 724  
Started a Venom with thunderous roar.  
Amid the Avtur and the smoke  
The Goofers saw the simple joke.  
And they chuckled  
To see the Venom's Tall — BUCKLED!

Don't do as I do — Do as I say! A certain N/Airman was given a lecture by a certain C.A.A. on the benefits of staying in the R.A.N. and the difficulties of finding work outside. He was highly impressed until he was quietly informed that the C.A.A. was paying off himself.

A certain Lieut. is hoping that he'll grow a set of wings of his own, as the Maintenance people can't give him enough "crates" to fly.

The Stores Branch, particularly L.S.A. Herron, are concerned by reports that 723 Squadron are being treated to Goldfish on Toast for night flying snacks.

The information passed out (when the WHIP is cracking) by a certain Chief in I.R.S. puts a new meaning into the old term:— "Strawberries and WHIP "t" Cream".

The Air Engineering Department Cricket Teams (both of them) have at last won a game each. Would the fact that their opponents (C.P.O.s in both cases), consisting mainly of A/E. C.P.O.s, have any bearing on this?

**FOR SALE OR DISPOSAL:** One slightly used (Tries hard to win) DARTS TEAM. Contact C.P.O. Wilkinson. Any offer accepted.

There is a strong buzz going around that the dogs on the Station and M.Q. are being sent to Russia. "Sats-all-rite PUPNIKS" — Sorry.  
This I have heard . . .

That N/Airman Radley is pretty much impressed with his mechanical ability with cars. The advice is — **STICK TO GARDENING, DAVEY!**

L/Airman "Slaggy" Hay, apparently in a trance, muttering, "112 days, 111 days, 110 days to go!"

That for your building needs, contact N/Airman "Doc" Alcorn — an expert on extracting nails from floorboards.

A L/Airman in 851, who when asked if he has a quid, laughs and roars, "I've got 79 quid!" — Rockafella!!

## Recruiting . . .

There once was a time  
When recruiting  
Was easy,  
When Press-gans supplied  
a ship's crew.  
But now that the victim  
Is able  
To sue  
Those who practise such tactics,  
The Navy  
Must woo  
Her recruits with an add  
In the paper  
In lieu  
Of recruiting, with force,  
It is true!!

— J.E.



### STATION PERSONALITY (Continued)

Following Italy's entry into the war "ARGUS" was engaged in ferrying Hurricanes and Spitfires from the British Isles to the Mediterranean.

The "ARGUS" led a charmed life and was hit by a small bomb which put her in dry dock at Hepburn on Tyne for a month.

After "ARGUS" followed 18 months at R.N.A.S. Stretton and then a draft to H.M.S. "DEER SOUND", an Aircraft Carrier repair ship, which joined the British Pacific Fleet in 1945 and saw brief service in the Philippines, Manus, and Hong Kong, with leave periods taken at Sydney.

Lt. Daffey was commissioned at R.N.A.S. Donibristle in 1948 and shortly after he came to R.A.N.A.S. Nowra, where he spent 2½ years.

From here he went back to H.M.S. "CERES", the Supply and Sec. School, to the Fleet Examination Board. He returned to Nowra in 1955 for a further 2½ years, where he remains at present.

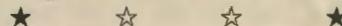
In April next year Lt. Daffey retires from the Service after a long and interesting career. He plans to remain in Australia but he has not decided yet where he will settle or what his future goal will be.



## Around the Village . . .



Lady Dowling being introduced to Village Wives by Mrs. Walton, wife of L.E.M. Walton.



Who suggested "tranquillity" reigns. Since our last issue, great work has been carried out by Village Folk for the School Fete. Success to the amount of approximately £185. Our thanks to all who participated, not forgetting Nowra and other citizens, who so willingly contributed.

Prize Winners were: Vase—Ronda Young; Dinner—D.O. Nowra; Yellow Plate—Dawn Fisher, 38 Bedford Street; Lampshade—J. Herne, Brundee; Photograph—Jane Lee, Bedford Street.

Sgt. and Mrs. Newman won both Golf Prizes (Hand Bag and Golf Balls), while Mr. R. Roulstone, Mr. Gordon Cooke and a Village Resident paid out of this world prices for the lamb that was auctioned. Thank you, it must have been the persuasive tones of the Auctioneer!

Gardeners, too, have been working wonders. Lawn Mowers have been clanking at crack of dawn. Sore backs and blistered hands were the order of the day, BUT what fine results!

Prize Winners were: 1st — P.O.A.F. Mack, 24 Bedford Street; 2nd — Sub. Lieut. Lemon, 19 Perth Drive; 3rd — L/A. Bramish, 31 Waterhen Street; with a Special Mention — Lieut. Waddell - Wood, 4 Perth Drive.

Don't let's forget the gallant wives of the above. The choice was difficult for the Judges, as entries were of a high standard and all competitors are to be congratulated for their effort.

**CORRECTION** — Residents do not require watering as inferred in the last issue, just those little trees outside!

On Monday, 11th November, we had the pleasure of meeting Lady Dowling and Mrs. Harrington in our Village, when they visited several of our homes. There is no doubt that charm of these ladies made quite an impression on those who had the opportunity of meeting them.

Understand that the trips to Huskisson for Village families on Sundays, are well patronized. Congratulations to the Social Committee on your organization!

Cubs are looking very smart in their new uniforms — noted several under 8's trying on caps and wishing to "grow up" quickly. Incidentally residents, hang on to your bottles. The next "Bottle Drive" around the Village will be to help these youngsters financially to get their Pack going!

December 19, is the date for Carols by Candlelight and will take place outside St. Nicholas Chapel. Mums and Dads don't miss this — it's a delight to hear these little voices. It will bring you really close to the spirit of Xmas.

School Holidays (6½ weeks) commence on 12th December. A welcome rest for Teachers and Pupils — **PRESS ON MOTHERS!**

The Station Xmas Party for the Children takes place on 18th December. The Station Welfare Committee is working very hard to make it the success we are sure it will be.

Believe our Editor is leaving in January and apart from the Xmas Issue, this will be his last "SLIPSTREAM" as such. We would like to take this opportunity, Des., to thank you for your interest in our Village affairs, and wish you all the best in your new appointment.

All that remains now is to wish you — **THE VILLAGERS** — a happy leave and the best of Seasonal Greetings and to presume that "Tranquillity will reign once more in the New Year.



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# Channel 2 Is Best!

(By the Communication Officer)

This is not a plug for the A.B.C. but a plain statement of fact so far as T.V. reception is concerned in the Station. Now that T.V. is established in the Wardroom, the Chief Petty Officers Mess, the Canteen and due for the Petty Officers Mess any day, perhaps a further word on technicalities may help those who have just received their initiation to T.V.

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The power for each of these Stations is 1 Kilowatt for Vision and 2 Kilowatts for Sound. The Vision Signal contains so much information in comparison to the Sound Signal that more power is needed to ensure intelligibility under adverse conditions. You will observe, through experience, that the picture will almost always lose its intelligibility before the sound, despite its power being 5 times as great.

With any type of Radio Transmission, the higher the Frequency or the shorter the Wave Length, the distance it will travel along the ground becomes shorter. Thus Channel 2 will radiate further than Channel 7 and Channel 7 will radiate further than Channel 9. To put it another way, we will receive strongest signals from Channel 2, then Channel 7, then Channel 9.

The very high Frequencies which are used by T.V. suffer from Phenomena, not normally experienced by Broadcast and Short Wave Stations. Temperature and Barometric Pressure can cause freak reception over long distances. Rain between the Transmitter and the Receiver can weaken the signal. Flutter can be caused by Aircraft flying in the vicinity.

On hot summer days it is likely that reception from Channels 7 and 9 will improve from time to time. Channel 2 should always give good reception, except under the most adverse conditions.

By and large the most popular programme may not always give a satisfactory picture.

For the good of your eyes it will be prudent to view the Channel giving the best picture. This will be Channel 2 nine times out of ten. But it just can't be helped as we are so far away from Sydney.

## OPERATION SPLITNIKS

In the cold wet dawn of the Antipodean summer, a group of men were gathered to witness the fulfilment of one of the best-guarded secrets of the Nation. The project, the most fantastic ever conceived by man, was to place Australia as the leading nation in the galaxy and leave Russia standing as a third rate capitalistic power. Behind the security screen, only the Cabinet had been informed in secret session. It is even reported that when the Opposition heard the news obtained from a hidden tape recorder, they were seen to pale visibly and, as one man, resigned their constituencies and rushed to the nearest Recruiting Centre.

The project, now officially identified by the code name "Operation Splitniks" was brilliantly conceived by sheer genius, the target being to break the Altitude record for Decompression Chambers by raising the Naval Decompression Chamber to a higher Altitude than any Decompression Chamber had ever been raised before. To achieve this the whole Decompression Chamber was to be cunningly fired into space, complete with Operators and Aircrew under test, and made to orbit the Naval Air Station, passing over the Wardroom Bar and the Wet Canteen six times every hour. During opening hours this would enable Official viewers to see the clearest picture through the lower end of their upturned glasses.

Preparation had progressed at a feverish pace with the full blessing of the Government, the Milk Board and A.J.A.S.S., the last named having misread Recompression Chamber for Decompression Chamber in the secret orders for Submarines. Nothing had been left to chance, even the smallest details had been carefully calculated.

Electronic instruments were in place for recording and broadcasting atmospheric pressures, blood pressures, brain pressure and tyre pressure, and scientific data gathered for nutrition and emotional disturbance by the inclusion of six crates of beer and the latest three numbers of the Australian Post in the equipment.

The great moment had arrived and a hushed silence of awe fell on the expectant crowd. The calculations were complete, nothing could fail now. But there had been a miscalculation, a terrible miscalculation, the neglected human factor. Oh, the horror of the moment!

The P.M.O., who had indulged in some dietary indiscretions since he had previously worn tropical rig, had misread centimetres for inches. He bent over to press the firing button. As he did so there was a gasp of sheer horror from the crowd, accompanied by a ghastly rending report. It was all over. And that my children is why the operation has gone down in history, failure though it was, under the code name of "SPLITNIKS".

Signed "MUMBLES".




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## GARDENING

By "BULL RUSHES"

In our Depot nursery we are fortunate to have such a keen Gardener as Mr. E. Liston, who raises many thousands of plants annually.

He has entered pot plants in the last two Nowra Flower Shows, in the Name of the Depot and was successful in taking first and two second prizes, and special Judge's mention for Fuchsias. I feel sure he will give the Judges something to really admire with his display of colours next show.

It is disappointing to see the large loss of plants in their early stages in the Depot. The next few hints could help to limit this.

The best weather for transplanting is if possible cool and cloudy conditions, or cool of the evening. Before lifting the seedlings from the seed boxes or beds, soak the soil with water, so that it will adhere to the roots, thus enabling each of the small plants to be lifted with a ball of earth. If the soil in which the plants are to be placed is dry, damp this down. Also after planting make sure the soil is firm about the roots. If the weather is dry give each seedling a good watering.

In most instances it is best to shade all plants for a few days to prevent wilting.

Most plants are lost due to the lack of watering each day for the first two weeks.

Many of us have admired the beautiful display of Pink Mesembryanthemum or Mid-day Flowers at the Power House.

Mesembryanthemum is grown by cutting in spring. Leave the cutting exposed to the air for a day, then place in the ground. the type of soil is no real problem.

Livingston Daisy is yet another member of this family. Both D. 6 and the garden in front of the Captain's Office have had a nice display of these daisy shaped flowers earlier this year.

For the benefit of keen gardeners questionnaires on gardening problems will be welcomed. If space allows, the more general problems will be dealt with in succeeding editions.

### NOVEMBER PLANTING

**BORDER:** Portulaca, Alyssum, Brachycome (Swan River Daisy), Kochia (Summer Cypress).

**BEDDING:** Dahlia, Petunia (try double types), Celosia (feathercluster), Cockscomb, Salvia, Snapdragons, Phlox, Amaranthus, Aster, Zinnias, Marigold (African), Dianthus.

**IN A POT:** Coleus.

**VEGETABLES:** Beans (French, Wax, Climbing), Carrot, Cucumber, Lettuce, Melon, Pumpkin, Radish (a row each week), Tomato.

# EXPEDITION - FORCE IT.

What better section to lead the way in daring-do than the Electrical Section, and who better in the Electrical Division to carry out assignment Force-it than the Workshop staff? With these thoughts in our minds, packs on our backs and led by "The Whip", we were on our way to Yalwal.

Bob Brown was our first casualty as he stepped nonchalantly off a log lying across Saltwater Creek. Willy Harris, of the unwashed R.N., laughed so much he followed suit and had his first bath in over a month. But undaunted, we pressed on. Absence of snakes was noted by every-one except Knocker White, who saw several unclassified specimens. Their description ranged from red with blue spots to barber's pole stripes. It must have been the heat, for Knocker is strictly teetotal.

After one or two ditches of two or three hundred feet deep, we made the track and high tailed it to Yalwal. It was here we had trouble with E.A. Will's sole. Pussers boots being what they are, it came off in his hand, so on one leg and a crutch, he hobbled down to Yalwal. Here he was able to effect repairs from a pair of gym boots he found on a rubbish tip. Initiative to the fore, he lashed the boots to his stout uppers and went on his way rejoicing. Ted is taking up Basketball now.

The rainmakers came good, for a drizzle started as we pitched camp. Despite the weather and in true bronzed Anzac style, we jumped into Yalwal Creek for a well earned dhobey, whilst Harris, R.N. to the last, had a Johnson's special (thirty baths to the tin). Sizzling steak, lashings of onions, hot coffee and butter with a touch of bread and we were fit for anything except walking. The rain was heavy by this time and five of us slept in a chaff shed. As a sleeping place this can be recommended.

Reg Shaw, Victoria Elphick, — Oh, you know who I mean, had a good night, for he had a blow-up cushion for his already upholstered posterior. The Whip fell through a hole in the floor three times, accompanied by cheers of all and sundry, whilst Harris sat up half the night laughing and telling rather queer English type stories.

0500 and up and about, coffee, eggs and bacon and despite the downpour, we were ready for anything. Aably led by our scout, Muscles Muscio, we went off up the mountainside hacking our way through really dense undergrowth until at last, 150 feet from the top, we struck sheer rock face. We found a chimney and with one clean

sweep we were all up, at least Reg said "It's all up!" as he got stuck half way. Once on top of the plateau, a mile trek through the bush and there at our feet was Burrier — three to four miles away and a two thousand feet sheer drop in front of us. Muscles came to the rescue again and found a waydown. Down, down we went and there a 500 foot precipice and no means of descent, except a three foot ledge over a 300 foot drop. The question was the ledge or go back!

Faint heart and the pig — the ledge won. Matters or nerves were not improved by Ray Goodhew tossing empty salmon tins over the edge, just to hear the bangs some seconds later, and when Willy Harris said, "I've got a strange premonition about this place!", several members blanched visibly. However, despite the lack of boots on the party's feet (curse those Pussers clodhoppers) we managed to get down and thence to Burrier. We called the M.T. Section to get us to hot baths, whilst Harris said he would have a hot talc job, this time. The lorry trip back over the Burrier Road was incidentally more un-nerving than the whole trip put together.

In conclusion, all members of the party had a first class time and all learned that he could rely on his mate to help when necessary. We all laughed loud and long and despite stiff muscles, blistered feet, and sore shoulders, we eagerly await our next trip out. BY THE WAY, SHOULD ANY ENGINEERS CARE TO COME ALONG, WE'LL ALWAYS LEAD THEM — WE NEVER LOSE OUR BEARINGS.

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## SALUTATION OF A FIRST LIEUTENANT DURING HIS FORENOON ROUNDS . . .

How now  
Old sow?  
Did Murgatroyd  
Get the Bold?

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## MUSING OF MURGATROYD DURING FRIDAY AFTERNOON DIVISIONS . . .

I cannot understand  
Why one of the Band  
Beats on the hide  
Of a chum of mine who died!  
When he lived in the next stall  
He wasn't musical at all.

— HOGPEN MASH

# "PUSSERS"

We of the Supply and Secretariat Branch of the Navy need no trick title to identify us. No "Short Circuit", no "Ball Race" for us. We are satisfied and proud of our title. If it is desired to identify anything or anyone as being of, and fit for, Naval Service the term used by all is "Pussers".

We concede seniority to none, no doubt even Captain Noah of the Ark was glad to have his stores, fodder and victuals accounted for. I can see in my mind's eye that ledger:—

Item: Lions, 2 in Number.

Item: Branches, Olive, Doves Peace, For the use of, etc.

Way back in the 1370's, in the reign of Edward 11, a clerk was borne in large vessels. All stores and provisions were in his charge. The expression "Bursar" from which "Purser" is derived is believed to have been the title given to this Clerk.

Amp chasers! Grease Monkeys! Birdmen! ALL newcomers and not even dry behind the ears!

—RON SHARP.

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Just to introduce our "PUSSERS PAGE" we decided to ask the following sections for their "Thoughts of the Day", and here is the result:

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COOK (S) —

Is there any connection between the shortage of cats around the Galley and the Cook's Hamburger Stall?

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STORES (V) —

Did a certain P.O. find out the hard way that a sudden stop can hurt?

Did the Supply Officer (V) think that concave doors are fashcnable on Vauxhalls now?

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# "The VILLAGE STORE"

Watch Out For Our . . .

**MONEY SAVING GROCERY SPECIALS!**

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STORES (S) —

Always aim to please but remember the title is Stoorkeeping, not Store Giving.

COOKS (O) —

Just judge by the smiling faces of the Officers just how hard this Staff works!

WRITERS —

Has the epidemic of poisoned fingers in the branch been due to overwork or overplay?

Did a certain scribe ask the garage to top up a Volkswagen with water?

Sorry to have lost our own staff-propelled missile, Chief Writer Smith to Civilian life.

DIVISIONAL OFFICER —

Sorry to see that an Eviction Order has been issued against the WRITERS to vacate the best Dormitory on the Station. No doubt C30 will soon reach the same high standard.

# RIPOSTE

Balls in races never end,  
But steadily go round the bend;  
And who begins the run  
Is never known by any-one.

But every-where, it's plain to see  
We must have Electricity.  
Short Circuits we may give wide berth;  
At least they're very down to earth.

But welcome, Friends, it's nice to see  
Emergence of the Ord. A/E.;  
Let's show them that, technicians all,  
We soon can be right on the ball.

—ELLO.

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## REFLECTIONS FROM H.M.A.S. "MELBOURNE" ON HER RETURN TO GARDEN ISLAND AFTER SOME MONTH'S ABSENCE

Some Shielas  
Are Double - Dealers  
They wait rank on rank  
For the visiting YANK  
But for Jack....  
ALACK.

## COMPARISON IS ODIOS, BUT....

Vemons violate with screaming whines  
To perform their aerosyncrasies.  
But to me the aeroplane that's tops  
Is the one with PROPS.

# Ball Race

Following the unprecedented success of "Ball Race" in the last edition our writers and artists have wracked their brains to produce material of an even higher standard. In addition, the Engineering Sports teams are now so well organised that even the plug and fuse boys have sat up in their sockets.

Recent activities by our scientific comrades behind the iron curtain have started a number of buzzes behind the hangar doors. I am unable to deny categorically, that there is no truth whatsoever in the rumour that the air boys are having brick dog kennels attached to the new control tower. I believe, however, that Number One is still negotiating with the Safety Equipment Officer for a supply of space suits for Marilyn and Lollo. Second hand information has just come to me that the Inspection Officer has offered his services in the formation of the new Red super-race—deep freeze and all.

Finally, I am told that the MRS Divisional Officer had to knock back a request from a L.A.M. in the Starter Bay who requested a draft to Sputnik 11—at present this ship is fully up to complement.

P.S. (In any case I am in the dog-house too!!!)

—J.L.

## ITEMS FOR BALLRACE — By "GRANNY"

1. There is no truth in the rumour that the LM(E)'s will once again be called LSM's — Leading Satellite Mechanics.

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2. We hear that Captain of the proposed Station Engineering Water Polo Team has not yet qualified 'PPT'. It should be interesting to see how he handles this situation— is there any rule prohibiting walking on the water?

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3. M(E)1 Stinky, tethered to the front lawn at the Powerhouse, is very slow off the mark and pulls his head in every time the Station Engineer hoves into view. Customers and visitors are advised against following their nose at the Powerhouse, for Stinky smells just like a mud tortoise.



4. Young Peanut goes to school every day to play 'Gazinta'. Two gazinta four, three gazinta six, and so on. But he wants it known that he doesn't start calculating Calculus until next term.

5. Our Chief E.R.A. should be one of the bright lights of the Geophysical Year. If you have three hours to spare, ask him about fossilized trees or blooming orchids—but keep your ear-plugs handy.

6. 'Mighty Mouse' Bax claims that he is getting round shoulders—not from carrying brews into the Boss, but from carrying the whole Powerhouse and associated fittings.

—'GRANNY'

#### WHO HAS MAINTENANCE WORRIES?

A short dialogue by one Lieutenant (P) Sparrows, R.N., on the unserviceability state of the Furies in the M.U.

- 100 Maincheck One — "Well, you can extend that."  
 101 Retraction Test — "Fly around with 'em down."  
 102 Starter circuit U/S — "In dad's day they hand swung 'em."  
 104 Oil cooler shutters U/S — "Put cool oil in after each trip."  
 105 Flaps U/S — "Who the hell wants flaps anyway."  
 106 Burnt brakes — "Not to worry—it'll stop sooner or later."  
 107 Slow running cut-off U/S — "So what? Switch the gas off."  
 110 Hydraulic leak — "Top up the system after each trip."  
 111 Mag drop — "It still runs doesn't it?"  
 115 Radio U/S — "Did Wilbur Wright have radio?"  
 Serviceability rose 100 per cent — and so did my spirits. If any one else has any maintenance worries, give me a ring. What Lieutenant Sparrow did for me he can do for you—and it might get him OFF MY BACK!!

NOTE: This is a true story — the pilot's name has been changed slightly to save him being lynched.

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# SPORTING NOTES

## SHOALHAVEN & DISTRICT CRICKET COMP.

To date the Station Eleven has played three fixtures matches, resulting in a first innings win over Currambene, a loss on the first innings to Nowra Warriors and a draw on the first innings with Pyree. Albatross competition points so far have totalled twelve. Scores in the three matches were: Albatross, 6 for 232—Currambene, 143 and 4 for 54; Albatross, 134 and 108—Nowra Warriors, 163 and 0 for 50; Albatross, 151—Pyree, 151 and 3 for 88.

The match with Pyree had many critical periods. On the first day Pyree batted and knocked up 151; in reply Albatross lost 4 wickets for 18 runs. The game seemed absolutely lost to Albatross when the second day's play commenced, but an aggressive and valuable tally of 54 by Reeves put a different feeling into the match. The Station players were still chasing Pyree's score of 151 until only 2 runs were required for victory when the last man came in, but after one lone run was added Vine was bowled, to even the score at 151 each. The not out batsman was Hathaway, who netted 39.

The leading run-getters for the Station to date are: McWhinney, who has scored 144 runs in 4 innings; Beutel, 82 in 3; Hathaway, 126 runs and yet to be dismissed. This latter, we understand, being attributed more by his team mates to skilful generalship than to batsmanship. The most successful bowlers so far are McWhinney, 9/135; Vine, 9/178; Smith, 5/36 and Prendergast, 7/133.

### I. ZINGARI SHIELD COMPETITION

It was forecast in this column in an earlier issue that Albatross has the necessary players to win the coveted Zingari Shield this season. A good start has been made towards achieving it, anyway. The matches played by Albatross to date have resulted in victories for the Station team; first innings victories they may be, but outright wins in one-day matches are a rare occurrence in any comp., unless the other side are Boy Scouts. Vital statistics for the games referred to are: Albatross, 6 wickets for 143 defeated Penguin, 133 (McWhinney 50, Beutel 40, Prendergast 6 wkts. for 38); Albatross, 193 defeated Watson "B", 186 (Purton 59, Silsby 39, Smith 6 wkts. for 24); Albatross, 6 for 227 defeated Destroyers and Frigates, 139 (Kerr 66, McWhinney 61, Smith 5 wkts. for 26).

The team is getting stronger each week, particularly in the batting department, and selection of the team is thereby becoming increasingly more difficult as players



Electrical Officer with Representatives of the "L" Division and their trophies.

in all departments of the sport strike good form through the good practice obtained in interdivisional matches.

Navy inter-service team selectors have been on the prowl at Zingari matches during the month, and as a result of performances, decided to include McWhinney, Best, Beutel, Smith, Kerr and Prendergast in the first Navy trial match which was played at Rushcutter Bay Oval on 6th November. The players mentioned did very well in their chosen role and on their showing have every claim for inclusion in the final Navy side. Those not fortunate to have played in the first trial need not be disappointed as further trials are in view.

### INTER - DIVISIONAL CRICKET

Inter-Divisional Cricket has gone well ahead since the start of the interpart season; twenty 2-day matches having been played. The stronger teams appear to be Engineering/Ordnance, Supply, Electrical, Officers and Petty Officers, the latter team surprising most other teams by a first innings win over the Officers recently.

The matter of incorrectly dressed interpart teams taking the field is becoming serious. Station Standing Order U.1 expressly states that the correct dress for cricket teams is white shirt and long or short white trousers. More people are stopping to watch these inter-

part matches in progress, and it is not only an offence to wear 10 a's and the like but bad for the division generally. Other teams can turn out correctly dressed and so can the offending teams start to take some pride in themselves. Go-slow tactics by individuals is definitely illegal and not in the correct spirit of the game; whilst smoking on the field is not covered by the cricket laws it does tend to slow the game. Try a little self-control.

### SWIMMING AND WATER POLO

This interpart competition is proving one of the most popular events that has happened to divisional sport. The three relays followed by a water polo match are drawing larger crowds daily at the pool.

### TENNIS

Interest in this competition is equally as high as in the cricket, Officers, Executive, Air Engineering and Petty Officers at this date being the outstanding sides. Apologies are offered for the rough condition of the loam courts after high winds. They take more than two days to get them up to a fair playing surface as a result of these bad blows.

### ALBATROSS GOLF CLUB

On Wednesday, 30th October, Albatross met Nowra once again in another game for the Nowra-Albatross Trophy. Albatross with one match in hand was strongly favoured to win this match and thus have the honour of their first competitive win. However, fate, in the form of a strong Nowra team, took a hand with the result that Albatross was beaten 409 points to 365. So with one match each and the final deciding match due in the last week of this month it looks as if Albatross will have to pull up its socks and play par golf all the way through.

Although we suffered a defeat, honours must go to Joe Gregory for his fine performance in turning in 38 points Stableford. I think even Joe was surprised with this, especially so when the Club Handicapper dropped him four strokes. However, congrats. Joe, for wonderful golf. All told a very enjoyable day was had by everyone and we are all looking forward to the next match and a win (we hope).

Sometime in February, there will be an A.I.F. day held in Nowra. This day is being organized by the Ex-Servicemen of Nowra and any of you who have attended Ex-Servicemen's Days before will know that a good treat is in store for those who attend. It is hoped that all members of the A.G.C. will be eligible to play. At

the present moment nothing is concrete, but within a few weeks there should be enough information to tell you the date, cost and prizes, etc.

It was a very heartening sight indeed to see several of our members busily cutting the greens on Friday, 1st. Thanks are due to John Pledge for organizing this informal but essential Working Bee. It is hoped that other members may profit from this example and be seen on the course on Fridays—working, not playing, that is.



### SPEARFISHING



A certain section of the Engineering Department has really gone overboard for the sport this season. Numerous outings culminated in a fine haul last Saturday with Rick Hammond topping the list with a 15 pound Blue Groper.

A Sydney native travelled all the way down for a six inch Goldfish, which he swears must have swam in front of the big 'un he aimed at. The group's Gunman again fired a record number of shots for a record number of misses. He fired at every fish he saw, except the shark—that chased him.

The bubbles seen arising from the bottom of the ditching pool during the lunch hour herald a new era in the group's activities. With three Acqua Lungs going and more on the way, together with a proposed underwater camera, things are really humming.

Only two things have so far marred the group's activities. The first—continual rabbiting of bits and pieces by the "Bear", a person well-known for this around the Station; the other—the spying by a member of the rival Huskisson group.

One member appears to be a much better gardener than fisherman, we heard that he is spending the £5 on a fishpond to practice in.

— "FLIPPER".

## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain J. A. Willson, R.A.N.

### SCIENCE AND FAITH

It is not unnatural that recent scientific advances should make the thinking man ask himself whether man is on the way to challenging the might of God. For some Sputnik has made God seem less Almighty. In one of his poems Sam Foss reminds us that new scientific knowledge will make the Creator seem inadequate if our concepts of the Creator is childish.

"... as the mighty system grew,  
His faith grew faint with many scars;  
The cosmos widened in his view,  
But God was lost among his stars."

Foss's poem goes on to describe a man, who realised with each new advance of knowledge about the created order that he had to get a worthier and larger idea of God to meet the new need, and in so doing gives us the lead needed in these days:

"As wider skies broke on his view,  
God greatedened in his growing mind;  
Each year he dreamed his God anew,  
And left his older God behind."

William James, the great philosopher offers us a "ladder of faith" by which we may climb to a complete trust in the fact of the Almighty. He marked off the rungs as follows:

- (a) there is nothing assured in a certain high view of the world;
- (b) it might be true under certain conditions;
- (c) it may be true even now;
- (d) it is fit to be true;
- (e) it ought to be true;
- (f) it must be true;
- (g) it shall be true, at any rate for me.

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

A Carols by Candlelight Ceremony is being arranged on board for Thursday, 19th December. You are invited to assist by joining the choir, which is obviously required to lead the singing on this occasion. Choir Practice is held in St. Nicholas Chapel on Thursday evenings at 1930.

### CHEERFULNESS

In the days after World War Two America was infection-conscious. The Government gave frequent and serious warning about several diseases the servicemen might have brought back from the Pacific Regions. Clear in the minds of many was the Influenza Epidemic, which followed World War One. By all means they wanted to avoid such disastrous infection.

All this led a certain reporter into an experiment. He wanted to see how the infection of a smile would pass from one to another. If the harmful germs of disease are spread from one to another, then surely helpful germs, like cheerfulness, could also be spread.

It started with a Newsboy, who smiled at the man who brought a morning-paper. In one block that man infected twelve other people with his smile. On a bus he infected the conductor, who in turn infected every passenger, even a blind man, who caught the cheerfulness in the conductor's voice. As this man with the germ of cheerfulness entered the elevator in his Office Building, he gave his delightful "disease" to everyone there. He passed it on to the Clerks in his Office, and as the Reporter sat in the Reception Room, he noticed that everyone coming out of the Businessman's Office had been infected. At last he asked to see this man, and told him how he had followed and watched. The businessman laughed aloud with delight.

Of course, this story does not tell how many others were infected by those whom the hero had infected. The final chapter tells how the Reporter and the Businessman took the Newsboy out to lunch.

— CHAPLAIN L. T. BRESLAN, R.A.N.

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## WHITE ENSIGN CLUB

We are sorry to say that owing to lack of interest and support, we have had to discontinue the Cabaret Dances for the present.

The Ladies' Lounge is now available for Wives of Members. Ladies' Cards may be obtained from the Manager by the Member on production of his membership card.

Lodge Albatross Buffs will in future hold their meetings in the Games Room of the Club. The Directors saw fit to grant this application, providing all Buffs were members of the Club. We wish the Lodge every success as their success means greater help to the Club finances. The Games Room will be closed to other than Buffs each alternate Tuesday night or the Tuesday night after pay day. Good Luck Buffs.

As the Ship's Plaques and Pennants have now been fixed to the walls in the Lounge, we find we could find room for many more Plaques and Pennants, so will be happy to receive any at anytime. Also if anyone has a model ship or plane or any large photographs of ships or planes we could find room for them as well, and will be very pleased to receive them.

The Board of Directors have given permission to organise and run a raffle of a Monster Christmas Stock-

ing, the proceeds of which will be devoted to a really good Christmas Party for all Members and Wives at the Club. This will take place on Tuesday, 17th December from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.. The Stocking will be drawn at this function.

All Club Members will receive an official invitation to this function early in December. (by post).

## Happy in the Service

Happy in the Service? This is an age-old question, usually accompanied by a hollow laugh, and sometimes I stop to ask myself that very question.

Let's face it, there are moments of frustration, boredom and doubt. This leads to the thought — why am I in the Service anyway? What is the good of it all? Am I doing a worth while job?

Fortunately there are good and re-assuring answers. Firstly, whatever job one is doing, in whatever walk of life, there are times of frustration and boredom. So these feelings are part of every one's life. You can't have the ups without the downs and you can't escape from them by chucking your hand in and trying something else. By acknowledging defeat we probably increase the feeling of frustration. On the other hand, by rising above it we achieve something and find that life is pretty good after all.

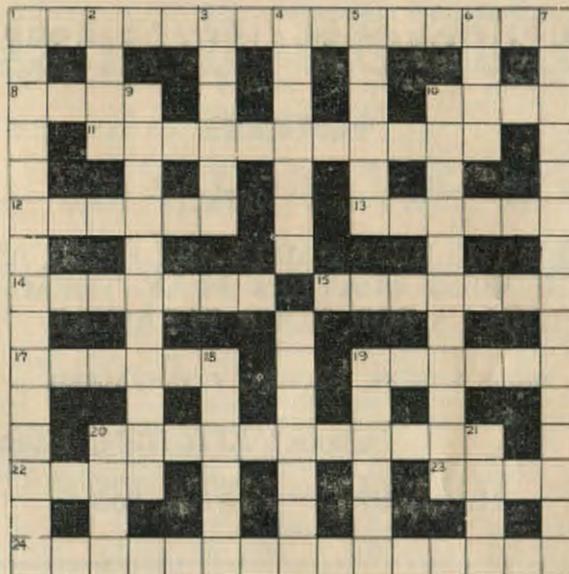
Secondly, about the worthwhileness of the job. Remember what happened to the Hungarians when they tried to regain their freedom last year? And how the Baltic countries lost their identity in 1945? And how Korea nearly went the same way in 1951? Our armed services are the backbone of the various forces opposed to the Communist domination of the world. There is not the slightest doubt that Russian communism is a direct and ever present threat to our way of life and personal freedom.

By joining the Navy we have accepted the task of playing our part in the fight against our country's enemies. Surely this is a worth while job.

"When a strong man armed keepeth his palace his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he shall come upon him and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusteth, and divideth his spoils."

— REFLECTOR.

## ALBATROSS CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. Northern Territorians with Naval Associations (10, 5).
8. Sequences.
10. Braided help.
11. Locos with humps (5, 6).
12. They're positive.
13. A place to fall.
14. W.A. Explorer.
15. Face lifts.
17. Soldier beware.
19. Dame Sybil's spouse.
20. U.S. columnist (4, 7).
22. Completes.
23. Spell of duty.
24. Russian reading (6, 9).

### DOWN

1. Sydney's Moomba (7, 2).
2. Cadet's retreat (abb.).
3. Landy and Co.
4. Nosey.
5. Turkish delight.
6. Australian bird.
7. Matelots dream (8, 2, 5).
9. West Australian Crustaceans (4, 7).
10. Try again (7, 4).
16. Musician.
18. Woods, Kelly and Co.
19. Source of Vitamen A.
20. Boy's name.
21. No, and in reverse.

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## VILLAGE NEWS BULLETIN

Mr. Clarke, of Perth Drive, will be holding Swimming lessons in the Depot Swimming Pool each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The age limit for these classes will be 7 years old. Anyone interested in having their children taught swimming are to have their children at the pool at the above times.

The Social Committee has decided to hold no more Dances until more support is obtained from the Village residents.

The Sunday buses to Huskisson are now well established, and will continue to run at the following times:— Leaving Main Road Bus Stop at 11.30 a.m., calling at all bus stops through the Village, and returning at 4 p.m.— until the weather gets warmer. Then they will be leaving later. The fares are as follows:— Adults 2/6 return and children 1/-. It is hoped to run buses 2 or 3 times a week during the leave period, providing that approval is given and that enough drivers can be found. Anyone who would drive the bus during the leave period is requested to contact Mrs. Radley, 26 Bedford Street, or L/A Murrell, 15 Waterhen Street or (Ext. 524).

The P. & C. wishes to thank all those who helped to make the Village Fete such a success—your help was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Hall, of 10 South Crescent, would like to know if anyone is interested in starting a Chess Club. Any names to Mrs. Hall.

Carols by Candlelight will be held on Thursday, 19th December at 8 p.m. The Carols will be held in the grounds next to St. Nicholas Chapel. Proceeds from the sale of candles will go to the Village Cub Pack.

Swimming Pool times for Village residents are as follows:—

Monday to Fridays—1600 to 1745.

Saturdays—1200 to 1700.

Public Holidays and Sundays—1115 to 1700.

The next Bottle Drive to be held in the Village will be in aid of the newly formed Cub Pack. The date for this Drive is not yet known but a memo will be posted.

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## MET. INFORMATION

Rainfall for October, 1957 was 21 points, compared with 730 points last year. This brought the total since the beginning of last January to 1981 points, compared with 5980 points for the same period last year. From 1st to 18th November, Nowra has had 68 points.

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# Sailor's Pets

I have never encountered  
Anything yet,  
To compare with the life  
Of a Sailor's pet.

Which is pleasant or grim  
As the case may be,  
Depending a great deal  
It seems to me,

On the quite unpredictable  
State of mind,  
That from this day to that  
They are likely to find

That their master is in,  
And whether or not,  
He's duty or else  
Has been drinking a lot.

There are days they might find  
They are petted and fed,  
And there's days  
When they'd probably be better off dead.

But their lifes' not too bad  
And I rather suppose,  
That when alls said and done, they enjoy it,  
Who knows!

— S.E.

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## THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER

Vice - Admiral M. L. Power, D.C.N.S. and Fifth Sea Lord, Admiralty, recently said:—

"The Aircraft Carrier combines the tactical mobility of the aircraft with the stratigie mobility of the ship. She is the essential core of the modern Navy."

## CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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| 23. Tour.              | 20. Dean.            |
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