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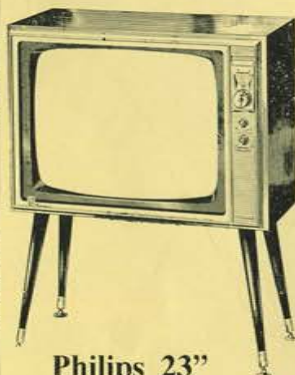


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## Our Cover

It's been rainy and wet, and the cold weather is coming on. We're not suggesting you drape her with orange blossom, but she obviously needs keeping warm! Care to help out one of these chilly evenings??



## EDITORIAL

The last month has seen many changes both in the World and its affairs and (forgive us, gentle readers) in our more humble, but more immediate interests — the Station and this magazine.

The World's turmoil and its far reaching effects are felt by all of us and give food for discussion as well as for our quieter thoughts — to the North, West Irian was proclaimed on May 1st, with much flag-waving, renaming of local features, and self-assurance, and the establishment of our Western coastline of a new Ocean! A second Telstar is in orbit. An invasion of Haiti is imminent, we are assured. Birmingham (Alabama) is "racially tense", with riots, demonstrations and "kneel-ins", and some 1000 Negroes in improvised gaols; and Governor Rockefeller has temporarily denounced politics for romance.

Nearer home, we have been impressed by the "Coral Sea", her aircraft and her men; depressed by the rejection of a plan to obtain another "Big Ship"; thoroughly rained-upon, satiating even the most furtive desires for a "nice drop o' rain" — and generally looking forward to Midwinter Leave.

"Slipstream" is, as usual, suffering from its chronic lack of contributors, though we do manage to force an article or cartoon from a few, and it was gratifying to hear many favourable comments on the improvement of lay-out and the class of paper now being used. There are several new series of interest to all coming up. Keep reading it — keep BUYING it. It's YOUR magazine

— EDITOR

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## + The Chaplain's Corner +



The other day while I was on my way somewhere on the Station. I was stopped and given this picture and told that I might find it useful. It seemed to me to be so effective that I have reproduced it for the readers of this issue.

The story is that a Chinese photographer, deeply troubled religiously, took a picture of the melting snow with black earth showing through. When he developed it, he was amazed to see in it the face of Christ, full of tenderness and love, and he became a christian.

It may take a long time to see the face, but that difficulty is, perhaps, a symbol of the effort that must be made to find Him in our world. Once found, however, as in the picture, He dominates the scene, and one wonders how it was possible to miss Him.

Can YOU see it?

— J. TRAINER.

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**PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH**

**Lieut. Charles ("Chuck") Smiley, U.S.N.**

"Out of the West he came — a two-gunned, two-fisted, fightin' man from Oklahoma Territory — tall in the saddle, hawk-eyed and sun-bronzed from long weeks of hard ridin' under the blazing sun . . . . . " etc.

Our own Oklahoman doesn't quite live up to ALL the points mentioned in the usual story, and he vows and declares that he was not involved in any snide activities during the Land Rush of 1189, but for all that, "Chuck" is known most everywhere as a "good hand."

Born on October 22 some 33 years ago, in Oklahoma City, Chuck, through Public School and High School, had aspirations in the field of music, and on graduation, attended the Oklahoma Baptist University between 1948 and 1952 to study in this field, majoring in Choral Directing — A far cry from

the Navy and Chopper-driving? Surely! — but the Navy had its way, and 1952 saw him begin flight training with an A/S unit, being one of the first two students to begin their training on Neptunes. He was assigned to a Neptune squadron from '53 to '56 and then went to the Staff of Commander Fleet Air at Alameda.

In 1958 he sojourned for a short time at the Naval Air Technical Training Centre at Norman, back in Oklahoma, and later in the same year, under a Naval guarantee scheme, returned to his old Alma Mater, O.B.U., to continue and complete a university course. Under this scheme, the U.S.N. guarantees that students who have reached a certain stage in a University course on entry will be sent back to college to complete it at some time, at the Navy's expense. Chuck, with an out-



look slightly varied, completed a course in Business Management, and has almost enough Units and "hours" for a second-string degree in teaching!

Before his posting to Australia, he spent 2 years at N.A.A.S. Ream Field, San Diego, with Helo A/S Squadron 8.

I enquired how it felt to suddenly become an Exchange Pilot and be posted to Australia. He summed it up: "Well, I guess, it would be like being told that a guy is in the first detachment to the Moon!" However, he likes it here now — has a house in Bomaderry, and finds that whereas most U.S. Stations are semi-metropolitan, here he can head out for the beach or the bush, or even go game-fishing — **DID YOU HEAR ABOUT HIS MARLIN FIRST TIME OUT?!!**

Chuck and Sally, his charming wife, whom he met way back in High school days (or perhaps even before, Mrs. S?) live, as I have already told you, in Bomaderry, with Chuck Jnr., David and Karen, who have just the faintest of Australian accents . . . .

Glad to have you aboard.

## Some Sick Definitions

DRYDOCK — Medic with a thirst.  
 HORMONE — She was underpaid.  
 SCARS — Havanas, Coronas, Monopoles etc.  
 BACTERIA — Rear exit from the cafeteria.  
 COLIC — The way sailors comb their hair.  
 OXYGEN TENT — Large size in inflatable bra's.  
 CLAVICLE — Ancient musical instrument.  
 STERNUM — The backside (Latin).  
 HOMEOPATH — The road back to mother.  
 BRONCHOSCOPE — Instrument for viewing wild horses.  
 BRONCHITIS — Fear of horses.  
 MENINGITIS — "Les-be-frens".  
 GASTRITIS — Naval Airmen at FUEL INSTALLATION suffer from it.  
 HEPATITIS — Exclusive to squares.

— JAY 'ELL.

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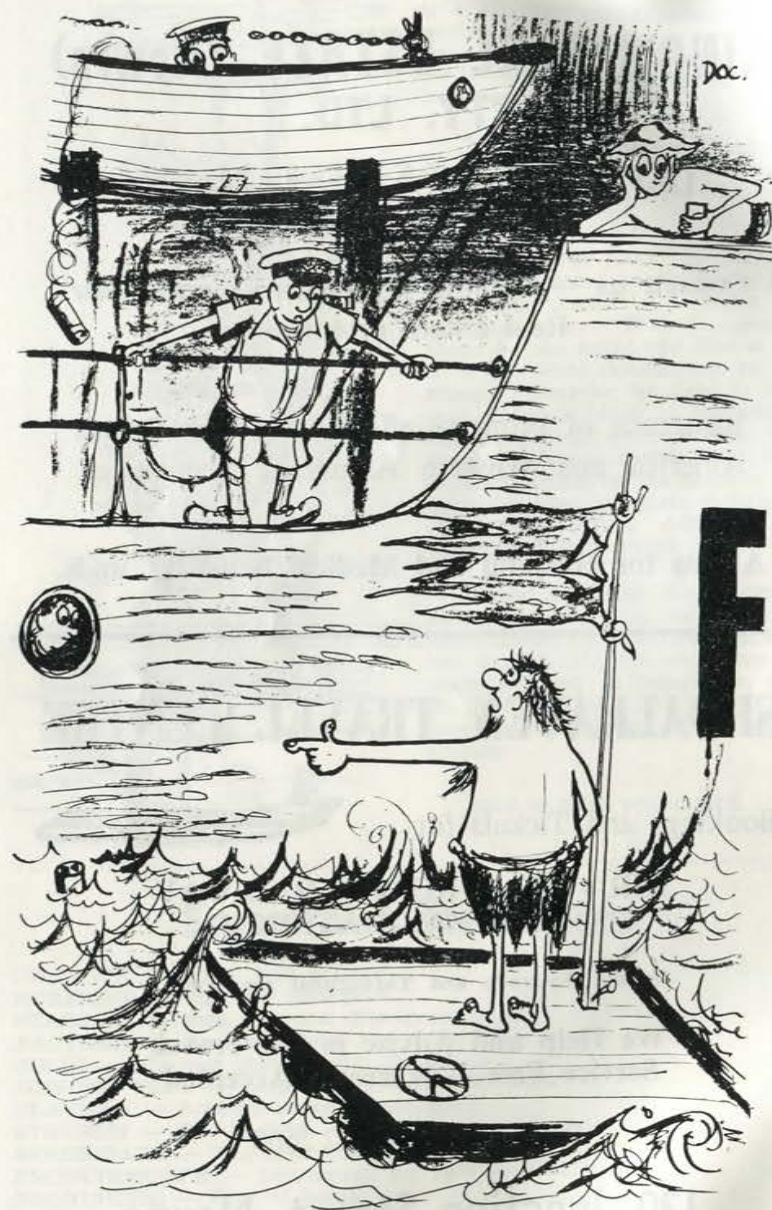
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## WAZZAT?

Some of you, during the past few weeks, who have had cause to walk, drive, cycle, or merely slope past the Ditching Pool on visits to the Canteen (? !), or on lawful business, have stopped with mouths open and stared aghast at some unearthly looking contraption reposing in the shallow end of the pool. Not only reposing, but surrounded by myriads of persons in various stages of dress (and what dress ! ) or undress. No, it has not been a meeting of the Underwater Fishing Club practicing their so-called skill at spearing groper in rocky caverns, but a diabolical piece of apparatus designed to throw terror into the hearts of all Wessex crews — as if they didn't have enough to contend with already, poor souls — known as the "Wessex Underwater Escape Trainer."

As you can see from the ac-

companying photographs, it is well received by the aircrew, who need little persuasion to enter the apparatus, and are reluctant to leave it.

The trainer is supposed to represent the rear cabin of the Wessex, but any similarity seems to be purely in the imagination, and is constructed of light(?) galvanised Dexion angle steel. So light, in fact, that all available hands are required, and some even press-ganged, to carry it between the Power House and Ditching Pool and back again. The angled steel is very delicately finished off with saw edges, guaranteeing the Sick Quarters staff a steady flow of customers who require major surgery for gashes sustained in feet, hands, fingers, etc., after finally managing to escape through one of the 4" x 4" windows. Well, we have to make it interesting, don't we?

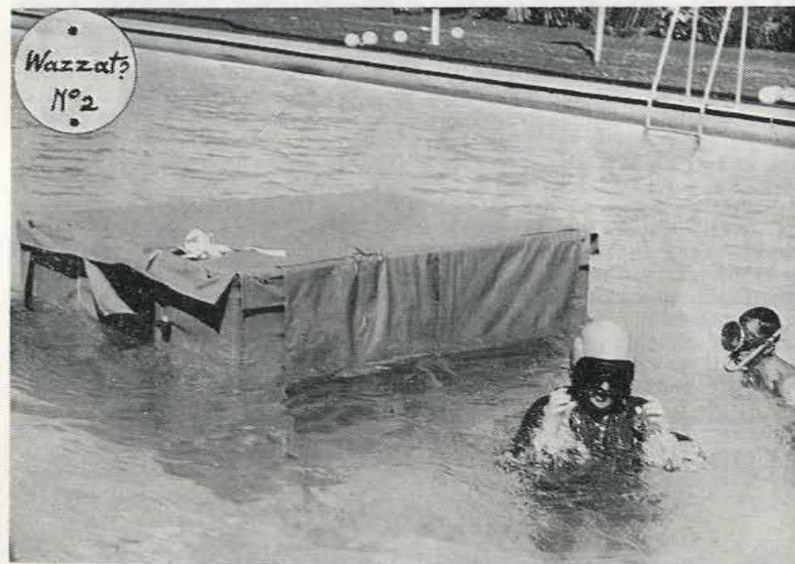


Alright ! Alright ! . . . I'll go quietly — home.

The interest is afforded, by placing side bets on who will be gashed where on the next run, providing of course he doesn't drown first. No drownings to date, though, but that could quite easily be arranged if the need arose. Anyone need any eliminating carried out? It can be managed, for the right sum in the right palm, so form a queue down at the S.E. Section. However, we are digressing., but bear it in mind.

The steel frame is very cleverly, and simply, (takes all of 45 minutes) covered with green "Verylite" canvas — about the only lite, sorry light, thing about it.

This is designed to cut out the majority of day light from filtering into the interior, and to make things worse, the three minute Perspex windows are also covered with the same canvas. These flaps over the windows are also weighted down with, of all things, lead bars ! So you see, we try and make it as easy as possible for the aircrew to escape. At one end of the contraption is a canvas flap, which is used as a door, through which the trainee passes in one direction only — IN. The only person to come OUT through it is the instructor, we hope.



No, No ! Please Not Again !

The whole rig measures 7'0" x 5'0" x 6'0" high, and stands in approximately 4'6" to 5'0" of water, thus allowing all windows to be under water, but the top foot to eighteen inches of the trainer to be above water. This is so, that should the trainee get into any difficulty whatsoever, such as running out of breath and turning blue in the face before he can jettison the windows (if he is lucky they may not be rust-

ed up), all he has to do is to stand upright — if he can find which way is up — and so be able to take a breath and start all over again. But the gentle restraining pressure of the instructor's hand on his head usually overcomes this unnecessary movement. (I do really think there should be an S.B.A. standing by at these drills, Doc. What do you think?)

YEAH ! (Ed.)

However, now we are all ready to go. The aircrew are all by the side of the pool, laughing and joking, and so we call for the first volunteer.

A deathly hush descends, especially when they notice both instructors (yes, we need two to overcome the frantic struggles) dressed in "wet" suits and face masks, and perhaps, snorkels. The spears are hidden in the trainer, out of sight, as we don't want to frighten them too much. Apart from the hush, a decidedly pallid hue appears on their faces, and after the first volunteer steps forward, helped from behind, and enters the water with an almighty splash, he is quickly grabbed and forcibly ushered through the door. I don't know what happens inside (at least, I am not telling), but after muted cries for help and the odd gurgle, an interminable time passes before a bedraggled figure emerges from nowhere, on the surface and OUTSIDE the rig! Good grief, we can't let him get away with that, so before he has got over the initial shock, he is roughly bundled back in through the door again. "Why," you may ask, "has he done anything wrong?" No — apart from successfully eluding the instructor's clutches — he must do another three runs, the last of which culminates in his being forcibly

restrained, blindfolded, tumbled around, and doing his utmost to jettison a window and bumble through it. Easy, you say? Well try it first with full flying gear, and then when you have mastered that, try it again wearing an Immersion suit! However, when the trainee has finally escaped the instructor, he is back at the Squadron jabbering away in a corner of the Crew room, before we can tear his flying clothes off his back to give to the next victim. But, we are always prepared, as out comes another set of clothing, and the whole nauseating process starts again.

By now you are perhaps feeling a little sorry for the Wessex aircrew? Very well, do so by all means, but spare a thought and a little sympathy for the instructor who enters the trainer at the commencement, and after perhaps an hour or so, when the whole thing is over, is solemnly carried out as stiff as a board from the cold, and as blue as the Wessex itself.

So, if at any time you are wandering past the Ditching Pool in the future, and happen to stop and watch the proceedings, take my advice and don't laugh at the struggles, as who knows? — you may find yourself in there!

MOSES.

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## The OTHER MAN'S NAVY

Pictured opposite is Admiral Ni Yue-Si, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Nationalist Navy based in Taiwan China, during a recent visit to Australian Naval Establishments, including H.M.A.S. Albatross.

Admiral Ni was impressed by what he saw here, and expressed hopes for continued support between his Navy and ours.

**The Republic of China Navy is extensive and versatile, and with continuous support and complementing by the U.S. Navy's ships in the area, provides a formidable force.**

A large number of vessels are on loan, or gifts from the U.S.N., while others are ex-Japanese. Under the present Fleet Commander, Rear-Admiral Wang En-Hua, the current list of ships in service is as follows:

- 6 Destroyers
- 24 Frigates
- 3 Escort vessels
- 12 Fleet minesweepers
- 1 Minelayer
- 22 Submarine chasers
- 6 Coastal minesweepers
- 1 Gunboat
- 7 Oilers
- 27 L.S.T.'s
- 14 L.S.M.'s
- 9 L.C.I.L.'s
- 7 L.C.U.'s
- 3 Motor gunboats

- 50 Coastal craft
- 7 Transports

As well there are 68 vessels, of 300,000 tons, odd, in the Mercantile Marine.

Chinese ships' names are prefaced by the letters "R.C.N." (Republic of China Navy), and all are assigned a "block number" which is painted on the bow and serves as a means of identification and classification. As well, the name of the ship appears in Chinese characters and in the equivalent English pronunciation, but I feel that the details of these tongue-twisters would not really be appreciated here, and the Chinese characters would almost certainly cause a strike in the printing trades!

**Admiral Ni has under his command nearly 40,000 Officers and men in the Naval Service, and some 30,000 Marines. The Chinese Navy is undergoing training with the aid of the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory group on Taiwan, and a small detachment of U.S. Marine Corps advisors trains their Marines in amphibious operations.**

All in all — impressive — for an island just half the size of Tasmania!

BUQ.

● Admiral Ni-Yue-Si, Commander-in-Chief Chinese Nationalist Navy, inspecting the guard on arrival at H.M.A.S. Albatross with the Officer of the Guard, Lt. B. J. Henry, R.A.N.



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# PARADOX CORNER

Once upon a time — the 13th century, to be exact — there lived in Italy a mathematician by the name of Fibonacci, and this gentleman devised a rather remarkable series of numbers. After starting with 0 and 1 he formed each succeeding term by adding the two previous terms together. Thus:—

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144 . . . . .

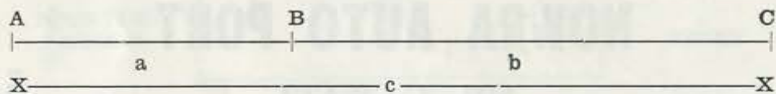
This was not the sort of thing to set his fellow mathematicians by the ears as the only significant thing they could make of it was that if you took three successive terms,

$a, b, c$ , then  $b^2$  equals  $axc-1$  and even this was a mere bagatelle.

However people whose interests went beyond the confines of pure mathematics made some surprising discoveries. It was found that when there is a spiral arrangement of leaves or buds on the stem of a plant, if the leaves are counted up the stem until one directly above

the original is reached, the number of leaves involved in completing the cycle is almost always a term of the Fibonacci series. Moreover, the number of revolutions around the stem in the cycle is also usually a term of the series. If you are curious enough to try this out, you will probably become confused counting the revolutions, as the answer differs depending whether you count clockwise or anticlockwise. Never mind though, both answers will be terms of the series, the larger providing the preceding term to that denoted by the number of leaves, if your favourite shrub lets you down, you can count on a pine cone, the leaves in a head of lettuce or layers of an onion to prove the point.

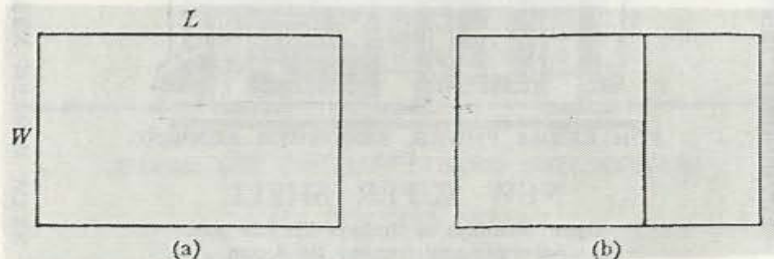
No we turn back a thousand years or so to the ancient Greek geometers who were much interested in a mystic entity they called the "golden section." This meant dividing a line,  $c$  into two segments,  $a$  and  $b$ , so that  $a/b$  equals  $b/c$ . This ratio equals .618034.



● The golden section:  $AB/BC$  equals  $BC/AC$

It will be seen that  $a$  plus  $b$  equals  $c$ , and this has the familiar ring in relation to the Fibonacci series. Also  $b^2$  equals  $axc$ , which, but for a piffing 1 which becomes of less significance as the series pro-

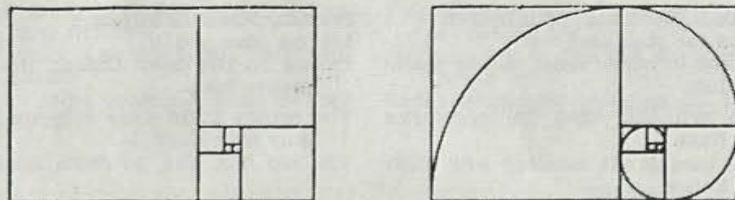
gresses, is just what happens to  $a, b$ , and  $c$ , in the aforesaid series. In other words this Greek invention turns out to be the geometric distillation of friend Fibonacci's favourite talking piece.



● Further division of the .618034 rectangle into squares, and the inscribed logarithmic spiral.

Let us now draw a rectangle based on the "golden section" i.e. such that ratio of the short side to the long side is .618034. Next we convert it into a square and a rectangle which note, turns out to be a

minor version of the original, and repeat this procedure with the rectangles as far as practicable, finally drawing through the squares a continuous curve with an end result as follows.



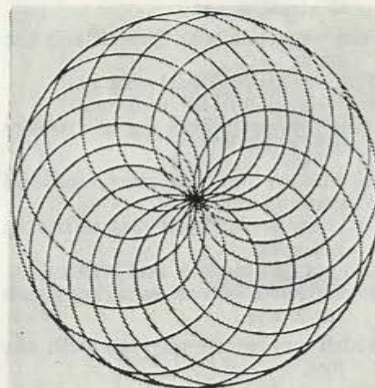
● The .618034 rectangle and its division into a square and a second .618034 rectangle.

This curve, for reasons obscure to the writer is called a logarithmic spiral and if it reminds you of a snail or a sea shell you are dead right because a great number of such curly things in nature follow this pattern.

But the apple of Fibonacci's eye is the common or garden sunflower. The arrangement of seeds is as illustrated and the discerning eye will perceive that firstly the curves are all logarithmic spirals and secondly, the number of curves turning clockwise and the number turning anticlockwise are successive terms of our old friend's series, usually 34 and 55, sometimes 13 and 21 and rarely 89 and 144. Daisies and asters are similar but the arrangement is less obvious.

It's all very curious and paradoxical isn't it?!

JACK SPRATT.



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I come to bury Caesar, not to praise  
him.

The evil that men do lives after  
them  
The good is oft interred with their  
bones.

So let it be with Caesar. The noble  
Brutus  
Hath told you Caesar was ambitious

If it were so it was a grievous fault

And grievously hath Caesar answer-  
ed it.

Here, under leave of Brutus and the  
rest  
(For Brutus is an honorable man  
So are they all, all honorable men)  
Come I to speak in Caesar's funeral.

He was my friend, faithful and just  
to me,  
But Brutus says he was ambitious

And Brutus is an honorable man.  
He hath brought many captives  
home to Rome

Whose ransoms did the general  
coffer fill.

Did this in Caesar seem ambitious?  
When that the poor have cried,  
Caesar hath wept  
Ambition should be made of sterner  
stuff.

Yet, Brutus says he was ambitious—

And Brutus is an honorable man  
You all did see that on the Lupercal;

I thrice presented him a kingly  
crown  
Which he did thrice refuse. Was  
this ambition?

Yet Brutus says he was ambitious  
And, sure, he is an honorable man  
I speak not to disprove what Brutus  
spoke,

Friends, Romans, Hipsters  
Let me clue you in.  
I come to put down Caesar, not to  
groove him.

The square kicks some cats are on,  
stay with them —  
The hip bits, like, go down under.

So let it lay with Caesar. The cool  
Brutus

Gave you the message, "Caesar had  
big eyes."

If that's the sound, someone's cop-  
ping a plea

And, like, old Caesar has really set  
it straight.

Here, copacetic with Brutus and the  
studs,  
(For Brutus is a real cool cat  
So are they all, all cool cats)  
Come I to make this gig at Caesar's  
lay down.

He was my boy, the most, and real  
gone on me,

But, like, Brutus pegs him as having  
big eyes

And old Brutus is a real cool cat.  
He copped a lot of swinging heads  
for home

Which put us all way out with the  
loot.

Does this give Caesar big eyes?  
When the square cats bawled, Caesar  
flipped

Big eyes should be made of more  
solid megillah.

Yet Brutus pegs him as having big  
eyes —

And Brutus is a real cool cat.  
You all dig that bit at the Lupercal  
scene;

Three times I bugged him with a  
King's lid,

And three times he hung up on me.  
Was this big eyes?

Yet Brutus pegs him with big eyes,  
And, sure, he is a real cool cat

I don't speak to double-O-what  
Brutus gummed,

But here I am to speak what I do  
know

You all did love him once, not with-  
out cause

What cause witholds you then to  
mourn for him?

O Judgement: thou art fled to  
Brutish beasts

And men have lost their reason.  
Bear with me

My heart is in the coffin there with  
Caesar

And I must pause till it comes back  
to me . . .

But, like, I only dig what comes on  
straight

You all got a charge out of him  
once

So how come you don't cry the blues  
for him?

Man, you are real nowhere

You don't make it anymore. Don't  
cut out on me

My guts are in the box there with  
Caesar

And I gotta stop swinging till they  
round-trip . . .



"Now, about this Retirement Plan — just when, where and  
with whom do I retire?!?"

## OUT OF THE PAST — No. 1

### NOWRA HILL

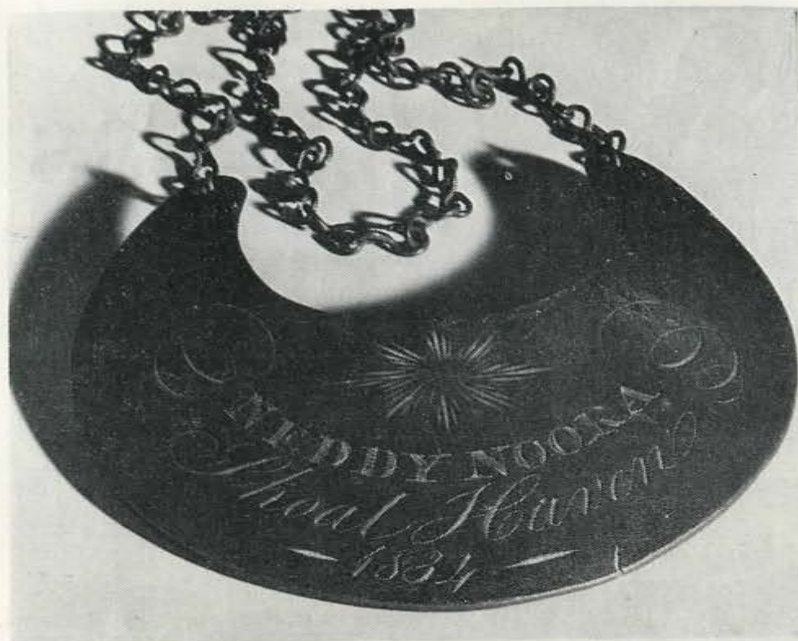


On Anzac Day this year I was having a cup of tea with friends at Berry, who showed me two bronze badges, once the insignia of office of two local aborigines, which are reproduced here. These two natives had accompanied John Oxley, the Surveyor-General, when he was exploring the Shoalhaven and Jervis Bay in 1819.

Oxley wrote in his journal: "We fell in with five natives who were the friends of our guide, Broughton and at his request they joined us, and when we had re-crossed the waterfall, guided us to a high conical forest hill, being the highest of the tract of country lying between the Shoalhaven and Jervis Bay, the country in its immediate neighbourhood, being better closed with grass, heavily timbered, the soil a stiff mould, with abundance of Indigofera and various species of acacias. On the top of this hill was a native tomb, decorated with boughs; Broughton informed us it contained a native daughter of his."

This spot mentioned by Oxley is what we know so well as Nowra Hill; the two natives were Broughton — probably baptised by Bishop Broughton, after whom he took his name . . . and Neddy Noora (believed to be a Chieftain of the Noora Noora tribe) after whom Nowra Hill and Nowra probably took their names.

— J. T.



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# Albatross Album



## T-I-M-B-E-R-R-R!

As you can see, it's a "Doc's Life" round the Sick Quarters. The disappointment was acute for some — how's the Store Account going, Chief? Or perhaps a few feet the other way, and painless extractions could have been guaranteed!

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## VISITORS FROM THE U.S.S. CORAL SEA

On Thursday, 9th May, the aircraft pictured here landed-on, on a goodwill visit from the American carrier now in Sydney for Coral Sea Week.

The "Tracer," with its gigantic Early Warning radar unit riding pick-a-back, is probably the most unusual aircraft to be seen at this Station (though I hear cries of "Wessex! Wessex!" from J hangar), while the amazing load-carrying capabilities of the Skyraider are well known.

A belated welcome from N.A.S. Nowra, and "Slipstream" to these aircraft and their crews.





## THE "BIG WET"

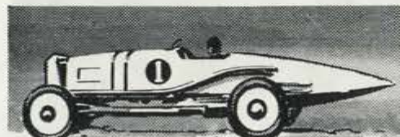
Several views of the recent flooding in the district when we were so thoroughly "rained upon" . . . N.A. Alexanderson took the pictures at Huskisson, while "Nowra Lake" is just recognisable as the airfield.

State of flying — NEGATIVE.



● It's you B's that make it a dog's life!!

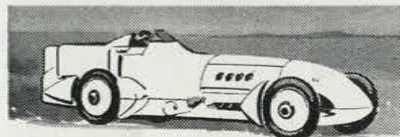
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## THE SQUADRONS

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The Squadron began working with a new type of aircraft when the Scout arrived on the 18th April. Mr. Gellatly, Fairey Chief Test Pilot, completed the Test Flying programme and in the process demonstrated the high performance capabilities of this helicopter. The Scout has now been accepted by the Squadron and the C.O. and Senior Pilot have been checked out in preparation for conversion courses which will commence later in the year. The Scout will be embarked in H.M.A.S. Moresby, on commissioning, early next year.

On the 19th April, Lieutenant Farthing had the unsettling experience of his first emergency landing when the engine seized in Sycamore 848. Leading Airman Ackerly, who was on the flight as winchman and lookout was subsequently seen studying the regulations for transfer to the Seaman Branch!

Lieutenant A. I. Booth, R.N. has joined the Squadron as a Helicopter Q.F.I. His last appointment was 705 Squadron at Culdrose, and before

that he was with 848 Squadron embarked in Bulwark. Although Lieutenant Booth has been flying helicopters since 1954, this is his first acquaintance with the Sycamore, and some of his colourful comments after his first flights have enlivened the Squadron!

The Embarked Flight on board Melbourne has been busy with two actual rescues of Gannet crews to add to the normal round of Plane Guard and Fleet Communications duties. The first Gannet accident occurred near Manus Island when the Pilot was unable to control the aircraft on re-light and ditched in shallow water. The Sycamore piloted by Lieutenant O'Day rescued all three members of the crew. The other accident occurred on Catapulting a Gannet near Singapore. The aircrew were rescued by Sycamore and sea-boat.

Photographs: 1. The Gannet lying in shallow water near Manus. 2. The Aircrew being returned on board "Melbourne."







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● Guess who was absent from the "Monster" farewell party for Lt. Cdr. Van Gelder t'other night? That's right! Lt. Cdr. Van Gelder! You would have enjoyed it, Sir.

● Star of the month is our own Staff Officer who starred recently as Guard Officer for the Admiral Ni-Yue-Si. In fact, he starred so well that he then "volunteered" (Ha! Ha!) as British Commonwealth Day lecturer at the St. George's Basin Public School. . . . Don't ask me, I've never heard of it either!

● Buzz of the month: Arrangements have already been finalised for the purchase of the "Coral Sea" — but for one thing: No one can work out whether we pay for it in Kangas, Migs, Dinkums or Bandicoots. Personally, I think the Yanks would prefer Hard Cash, Dough, Moolah or MONEY.

— B. J.

EVOLUTIONS? — A city was staging a mock air raid and the Boy Scouts were picked up and cared for by members of the civil defence organisation. The first aid people got behind schedule considerably and one little Scout lay awaiting his rescuers for over an hour. When they finally arrived at the spot they found a note in a childish scrawl: "I bled to death," it said, "and went home".

## THE 725th PSALM

1. And it came to pass that the birdmen, the sons of None were gathered together in that holy place known as Control-Tower-Briefing-Room. And there came one among them, called Met, and saith unto them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you tidings of exceeding great joy. I have had a dream that indicated naught but clear skies and visibility unlimited." Then did they revile him, saying, "Yea, verily, we have looked out the window and have seen naught but rain showers and Cumulo Bumpas!!"

2. And the birdmen proceedeth to J Hangar and girdeth themselves for the approaching battle with the beast known as Wessex. And one of the warriors was beset by trembling and redness of the eyes, for two evenings past he attendeth the wine tasting, and he seeketh out his friend saying, "Many times have I been like a brother unto thee. Wilt thou not therefore taketh my place in battle this night, for I am indeed ill?" And his great friend answereth, saying, "Thy transmission is weak and I readeth thee not".

3. And the birdmen performeth the ritual known as the pre-flight, but they faileth to find a weakness in the beast and they muttereth to themselves of good old days, and aircraft with fixed wings.

4. And they proceedeth to the place known as Contact, and the sky is dark and the doppler appeareth not. And their hover coup'er is beset by devils. And the great beast Wessex attacketh them with hardovers, rocks in roll, and kicks in pitch channel and the birdmen crieth out, saying, "Windmill Leader, wilt thou not alloweth us to return to base, for verily we have fought the good fight!" And the Leader answereth them with angry words of poor show and frozen promotions, and giveth them fire and brimstone in general.

5. And the warriors returneth, and the disciple known as the ALO meeteth them crying, "Hossana! Blessed is he that returneth from the fray!" And the birdmen answereth him, saying, "Get thee behind me Satan, for this night we have seen the result of thy works." And the ALO speaketh to them of integrators, proportional amplifiers, and accelerometers, but the birdmen striketh him about the head and shoulders, and tell him of the evil powers of the beast Wessex.

6. And the birdmen proceedeth to the Wardroom to receive the burnt offering known as Night Flying Supper. And they tell of their great adventures and how they conquered the beast, and the truth is not in them.

7. And the warriors groaneth and travailleth in their heart of hearts for they know that if they survive the offering they must sally forth on the morrow to meet once again the beast known as Wessex.

At three o'clock in the morning, a gentleman returned home from a particularly rambunctious night of bacchanalia. In short, he was pretty polluted. About five minutes after he opened the door, his wife heard a loud crash in the living room.

"George, what are you doing?" she asked.

"Teaching your damn gold-fish not to bark at me!"

## TOWER TOPICS

Greetings from the Bailey Hilton!

● Recently we had the pleasure of a visit by three U.S.N. Aircraft from the carrier "Coral Sea." It is said that when the Tracer came into service, a U.S.N. base received a frantic telephone call from a woman who stated that she had just seen a flying saucer capture a Naval aircraft!

● All jokes aside, one must admit that it is really plush for an aircraft to carry its own 20ft. x 30ft. lifeboat.

● Asked how long a Skyraider will stay airborne, the pilot commented that no one knew — it runs out of oil first!

● Congratulations to Lt. Riley on receiving his Permanent Commission. It just goes to show that fame reaps its own rewards!

● As a result of numerous queries during the last wet spell, it must be announced that the centre of the airfield is NOT being allocated to the Water Ski-Club. As regards the suggestion that the Control Tower is establishing a rice field — no comment.

● As regards the C.O. of 723 Squadron landing his Scout at the Ulladulla Golf Course, we should point out that Sports afternoons are on Wednesday . . .

● We noticed recently evidence that the Cinema has kept up its high standard of shows — an adult Western featured! For those who don't know, an adult Western is one in which the horses are over 21 years of age! Anyway, with the arrival of the long awaited plush seats we are all looking forward to evenings of entertainment.

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## THE DEPARTMENTS

### PURPLE PATTERN

In spite of the last Scribe's chortling and hand rubbing, on-one really took his threats seriously. After all he's still in office so why should the mantle fall elsewhere? — It has!

**The present writer is usually quick off the mark when there's work to be dodged — but I suppose he was caught because he hasn't yet mastered the art of hunning on his hands, and his hips aren't as sloping as his shoulders, so, the mantle stuck.**

The "Lift and Shift Brigade" has been kept busy helping 723 to recover its straying chicks. The Sycamore (some chicken) was prized loose from a paddock on the Yalwal road into which it had flopped when its donkey took Syc. Bert's Barrow Boys were soon on the job after borrowing back the crane from the Shire of Shoalhaven. The Scout, on the other hand, chose the Mollymook Golf Course to roost after its donkey got hiccups (strong stuff this Australian AVCAT). This really drew the crowds — and some weird speculations about how it got there and even what it was. Your reporter on the spot heard one goofer say that this was the third carload he'd brought to see it and he might manage another before dark. The local greenkeeper was muttering about "hazards" and "Dropping out two rotor lengths without penalty." Once again the Heavy Gang came to the rescue and managed to coax the Scout off the course without adding more than a stroke or two to par.

**We did hear that the Scout is to be fitted with a 2 wood instead of the conventional hockey stick. It figures!**

While on the subject of the Scout — 723 have uncovered a deficiency in the training dishd out at the Springett emporium. The instructions for the winch are in French. It looks as though we shall have to introduce SAMC(Interp.).

Still, I imagine that a small matter of a foreign language won't bother people accustomed to daily interpretation of the existing orders.

The wraps are off the latest in the Workshop Secret Weapon range — the P.P.U. or Portable(?) Package Unit. We are led to believe that this jumble of ironmongery is designed to start the Wessex (in the plural). Indeed, some lucky people claim to have seen it done. Closer inspection supports the dark rumours that it is really intended to keep them on the ground — by main force!

**We ran out of wheelbarrows when the time came to try to shift Wessex 208. It staggered as far as SAM(E) hangar where it seems to be taking root as a training aid. Mind you, it has other useful functions. Although it can't be robbed (nothing left) it is a magnificent hook on which to hang demands — which can't be knocked back because nobody really knows what's missing. (We reckon that 725 swiped all the wheelbarrows — they're a sharp lot down at Ulladulla).**

You may have noticed a certain amount of water about the place of late. The only one who didn't appear to have any, hot, cold or luke, was the Station Engineer. Its a crazy, mixed up world. So much so that the present incumbent retired in a huff to SAM(O) for a course leaving us to tender mercies of maestro Dodds.

**Welcome back to the Duke\* after his extended and triumphant Australian tour. We understand that he captivated sundry Chambers of Commerce throughout the Commonwealth. They were particularly struck by his solicitude for the comfort of his customers — not as one might have expected by lightening their pockets but by providing a Ladies' Rest Room.**

There's a catch in this somewhere but we haven't worked it out yet. However he complains that he had no leave and that every evening was taken up with official social engagements.

Somehow we can't get very sympathetic!

(\*Denehey not H.R.H.).

Other notable tourists are Messrs. MacAlister and Hughes who together with their chaperone the Senior Engineer, made an official visit to Melbourne. We don't enquire too closely into what went on, but Senior is chewing his nails down to the elbow at the prospect of taking his charges up North next year — wouldn't you?

N. GEM.

## COUNTER JUMPERS' CORNER

Four new stars have burst upon the athletic world like a meteor streaking across the heavens. Many experts predict that in the not too far distant future world records will tumb'e before the onslaught of these athletic giants of the cinder track.

At a recent midnight meeting held on Clarkson Oval the four greats displayed their athletic prowess before a wildly enthusiastic crowd of confused gentlemen.

The four competitors were a South Australian, a rather portly little fellow beautifully proportioned like a stack of bricks, a Tasmanian short in stature, short of hair, a Victorian advanced in years with freckles, and a tubby LSA from Fairfield.

A recent addition to the fold is Stores Chief Darcy Johnson, who has just joined us from Watson. Chief Johnson was here some twelve years ago at that time he partook in the transfer of the tool store to the airframe store. Well, you've guessed it, he has arrived back in time to see the tool store on its way back to the airframe store—AGAIN.

A sociologist was lecturing to a woman's club on the crisis arising from the world population explosion.

"Do you realise that somewhere in the world a woman is giving birth to a child every minute, day and night?" he said.

"What are we going to do about it?"

A woman in the back row raised her hand. "I think the first thing we should do is find the woman," she said, "and stop her!"

Bachelors come and bachelors go, and we've just seen another go.

Stores P.O. Terry Peek married Miss Christine Thuroczy at Nowra recently.

Congratulations, Terry, we all wish you and your wife lots of happiness in your future years of married bliss.

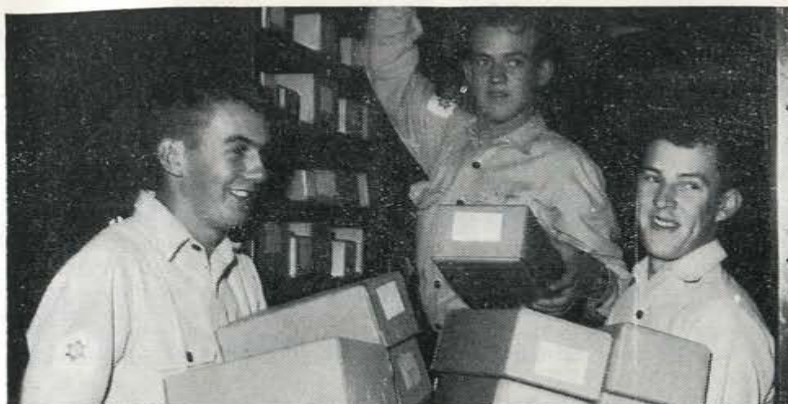
"The silliest woman can manage a clever man; but it needs a very clever woman to manage a fool." (Rudyard Kipling).

Supply fared badly in the first round of inter-part Aussie Rules matches last week.

If their match against Air Dept., the local laddies ran second to the tune of 6-6-42 to 2-3-13. BUCK UP.

"No!" said the centipede, crossing her legs. "A hundred times No!"

— K. E. B.



## Stores Personalities

The Naval Stores Section was very surprised this week when they found they had three new S.A.'s of which no one knew ANYTHING, including the Rsg. Branch.

They are pictured here. From Left to Right: S.A. (S) VIRGIN, S.A. (S) BROPHY, and S.A. (S) LANE.

S.A. (S) TREVOR VIRGIN (17½) who originally hailed from Subiaco, W.A., and at the age of three moved to Kalgoorlie with his two sisters and parents.

He studied at Kalgoorlie State School and at Eastern Gold Fields High School and from there went to work as a storeman with Woodson's.

Trevor is a keen footballer, having played football (ruck) before enfore entering the R.A.N. He is also interested in hockey and swimming.

S.A. (S) EDDIE LANE has always been an inhabitant of Norseman, W.A.; he naturally attended Norseman State and High Schools.

His schooling completed, he started work with B. G. Johns as a storeman, where he remained until he joined the Navy at H.M.A.S. Leeuwin, and spent twelve months as a Junior Recruit and then as a recruit O.T.O. until recently when he saw the light and changed his rate to a Counter Jumper.

As a bike rider for some four years, he won a considerable amount of prize money and four trophies.

Last of the trio is S.A. (S) ADRIAN BROPHY. His main interests are Judo, Tennis, Swimming and Football (S and S will no doubt make good use of him to try and drag us out of the dirt in the sporting world).

Unlike the other two chaps, he is not a West Aussie, but comes from the neighbouring State, S.A. He was born at Mannum in 1945 and left there at the ripe age of three with his three brothers and parents to settle in Two Wells. He studied at the State School there but travelled daily to Urrbrae Agricultural High School. On completion of High School he began working at an orchard and from there on to Business College and then to the R.A.N.

All three chaps enjoy Naval life and I'm sure the help they will give will be appreciated by the rest of the hard working staff of Naval Stores.

WELCOME TO "ALBATROSS", FELLERS.

— LARRY BENT, Investigator.

## Buffer's Bludgers

With typical Sydney weather invading this sunny holiday resort, and making it hard for work-conscious sailors to report onboard, the latest buzz is the First Lieutenant plans to attach tow-bars to his tractors, place them on the road between the depot and Nowra and charge 10/- per car-towing fee.

The yard is having a face lift at present. The new buffer has taken over and the Reg. P.O. is soon to pay-off. Quite a number of the depot's only workers (Jimmy's Party) are also disappearing some to "Cerberus" and "Watson", and others to "Stuart" as Security Guards.

By the variety of jobs being carried out by the 1st Lt. Pty., it proves the old saying that "Jack can turn his hand to anything" and it seems that some are more suited as farmers than sailors. A little strange at first, but its nice to see something growing from the fruits of their labours.

The way the boys, working in the scrub, extracted the stumps from the paddocks, it was rumoured that the Dental Section might be interested in obtaining some new hands.

Who was the character at "Beast's" 21st birthday in Melbourne, a couple of weeks ago, who was all the time trying to sneak some bottles out of the house for a private party of his own, but was caught every time. Never mind, Roy, its better to share than dip out altogether.

Is there any truth in the rumour that a certain P.O. in the yard was approached the other day by a few well meaning sailors to help him out with the training of his marching girls? The boys thought there might be too many for him to handle.

— "GLASSES".

## Scribblings by the Scribes

One of our members had a close call when involved in a road accident recently while driving one of these midget cars that wind up at the back. Unabashed he armed himself with a large eight cylinder job for two weeks and his latest move is a brand new Falcon. Like Goldilocks he has tasted them all and we hope for the sake of his pocket that he has now found the one that is "just right".

Welcome back to Barry Clements, who has been in Sick Bay suffering from an injury received whilst playing football.

Congratulations to Bill Ott and "Bomber" Atkinson on passing the examination for Leading Writer. They have now started on the dizzy road to the top.

Three new Writers have joined us since the last issue, Disney, Marshall and MacAndrews from Cerberus, and in the near future we lose C.P.O. Wtr. Geiger to Adelaide, and "Bomber" Atkinson to Nirimba.

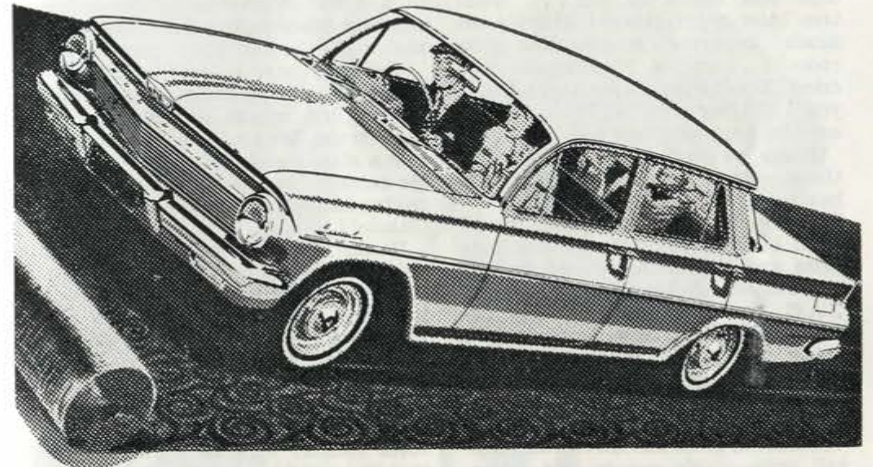
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Heard in passing: "Joe, I give you fair warning. The night before last you came home yesterday; last night you came home today — now, this evening if you come home tomorrow, I won't be here".

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## SICK BAY SCRIBBLES

We welcome to the "Bay" that notorious reprobate S.B.A. Darby (our new hygiene rate). He prefers to think of himself as the new "happy face" about the "Tross" . . . His S.C.'s haven't arrived yet!!! Together with "Darb's", we also extend a welcome to S.B.A. "Woody" Woodforde, who arrived here about six weeks ago and we trust that these ratings are pleased with their new abode!

### "THERE ONCE WAS A TREE"

Remember the bearded prophet who was heard to say . . . "That tree blow over? Never! There's too much concrete surrounding the roots." . . . or the Wardmaster who cried "Don't ever empty turps there, you'll kill my tree!"???? . . . These are the true optimists!!

There we were, marching through the streets of Petersham bearing the banner of Petersham R.S.L.

S.B.A. Keft of Balmoral, and myself from the "Tross" were (to our surprise and gratitude) invited to lead this famed sub-branch in their A.N. Z.A.C. parade and we warmly accepted the offer. Now we can't do a thing wrong . . . On completion of the service we were entertained in the president's office amidst luxurious surroundings where we were served Scotch from the inevitable cocktail cabinet. No sooner had I produced my cigarettes, when in a flash the steward was confronting me with a lighted match. This is an occurrence which doesn't happen to us every day and for one hour and twenty minutes, we considered our-

selves ADMIRALS . . . . .

The other day I wandered over to the cook's mess to confer with "PE-BO" the cook on the subject of patients' food and why the sick berth staff don't get any pickings. I found him in the midst of what looked like "Amateur Hour" off watch. A group of chefs were attempting rope and card tricks, juggling etc., and a half-hearted hypnotist made me forget what I had come for, whilst a rope trick fan was trying to hang me. I departed in a state of confusion, wondering whether these ratings had cooked in nightclubs before they joined up?

You may have noticed how a certain newspaper columnist comments on people's names appertaining to their trade. Well here in the Bay we had a classic and authentic example. He came in to use our phone introducing himself as reserve P.O. Musn. Gabriel!

Works and Jerks have sooled their painters, carpenters, plumbers etc. onto us and the Bay is a hive of industry . . . or looks it. Slowly but surely we are being forced from our abodes and are compelled to set up makeshift offices, etc. Our Wardmaster has claimed a small room for his temporary office. It measures roughly 4 ft. by 6 ft. He says that it must have belonged to WINSTON CHURCHILL . . . its got his initials on the door!! One sailor came in for treatment took one look at the sinister array of carpenter's tools, then bolted like a startled gazelle . . . WHY?

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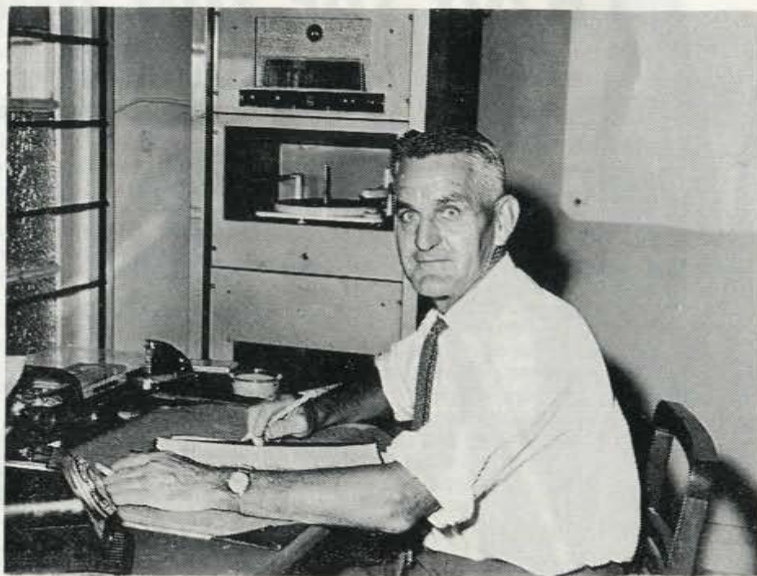
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## The White Ensign Club.



Pictured here is Mr. E. (Andy) Laughton, Assistant manager of the White Ensign Club, Nowra.

Andy was whelped in 1905 at Perth. At the age of 15 he left Perth Technical College to serve five years apprenticeship as a fitter and turner at Garden Island. After working around Sydney in general engineering for 10 years, he saw the light, and decided that a service career in the R.A.A.F. with a steady job, was the thing. During 1936-37 he was posted to No. 9 squadron Fleet Co-op, and had a couple of pleasure cruises in H.M.A.S. Canberra and H.M.A.S. Australia. He visited Melbourne for the Cup, Hobart for the Regatta, and did a trip to New Zea-

land. When war broke out he was given a job ashore, repairing flying boats at Rathmines and Lake Boga.

After 12 months at Karumba, in the Gulf of Carpentaria, he went to Darwin, and was there when the last Japanese plane was shot down.

At the close of hostilities he was at a pilot school at Uranquinty, N.S.W. Then to Canberra, to 3 Army Co. Operations Squadron, and from here to A.O.P. flight, training Army pilots until 1960. He decided then after 25 happy years in the Air Force to give it a rest, and so retired, settling down in Nowra — BUT he has the Navy at heart, and will make YOU welcome to the White Ensign Club.

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Spinsters live longer than married women. While there's hope there's life.

Little Boy: "Do you love me?"

Little Girl: "Uh-huh".

Little Boy: "Then why doesn't your chest heave like in the movies?"

## Sporting Notes

### R.A.N. GLIDING ASSOCIATION

The Club operated at Albatross over the Easter period, and conditions were very quiet until Easter Monday, when, after a couple of uncertain wind changes, the sky really went up!

On Saturday, we were forced to close down by rough weather, and Sunday was wet. On Monday, Alec Hudson went off at lunch-time in the Kooka Mk4 and went up very well in a thermal, so I took to the blue in the Nymph single seater and released straight into a thermal. Not having been over 2,000 feet, I was thrilled to see 2,600 on the altimeter, and then Alec and I headed back toward 08 runway, with Alec desirous of some formation flying. However, I was after more thermals, and just as hope was fading at 1200 feet, I hit a beauty. Wound up to 4,200 feet and decided to have a trip about the place, so headed for Nowra. Almost there, I tried a few stalls and speed runs, then headed back here — had a job to get down. Eventually landed after one hour 9 minutes, the longest trip for some time. During this time, Nigel Lee went up in the "4." and reached 4,300 feet (at one stage circling above me) and obtained his "C" Certificate with a 30 minute flight. Bob Connellan also received his "C" as did Alec Hudson on Saturday, and congratulations are extended to all from the club.

The following week-end the weather was good, and Don Daniels went off in the Nymph, went up to 4,500 feet, and stayed aloft for 1 hr. 2 mins. A keen competition is evident to try to get the longest flight, and Don Allen has reserved the next trip in the Nymph. He had got away in the "4" but had to return as there was a ½ hour limit on it. The Reserve members, who were here

for a short stay, came down on a couple of occasions, and were taken for trips. All were very impressed by non-power flying.

John Crawley arrived back from the P.O.'s Course at F.N.D., and after a couple of flights dual, was sent up solo. Now he has his A and B Certificates and is very keen to try for his "C." Congratulations to him and Eddy Koenen, who also obtained his A and B Certificates. John is still up in the clouds over his effort but will probably descend shortly.

The dual pupils, Max Speedy, Kent Osborne, Mick Horne and Graham Thomas are all doing well, and it won't be long before they are solo.

The Club held a party at Don Allen's on Saturday night, 4th May, and had a good night. Syd Bell (name right this time SYD) entertained us with his many tricks, and we all suffered his squirting flowers, pens etc. John Crawley made it a "roarer" and there were a few hang-overs next A.M.

The buzz is going around that, with the number of gliding pilots going on board with 817 Squadron, we will take a glider with us and run programmes wherever we visit. All that remains is that the powers that be hear of it, and think it's a good idea — a new angle for the F.A.A. maybe!

Looks like gliders will have to find a new accommodation shortly — spare hangar space will be at a premium — any gash Wessex boxes available?

We are all hoping for a break in the weather soon, and when it comes, there should be some good soaring flights.

THE EAGLE.



A hit song is a tune that keeps a person's foot from going to sleep.

## Albatross Soccer Club

Since last going to press, quite a bit of news has come to light which might be of interest to the club's followers.

Firstly, the club is NOT participating in the Army Competition, but only in the Naval Competition for the Showers Trophy, which will consist of two rounds of home and away games (semis and final) the first game being at home against the Fourth Submarine Squadron. Incidentally, the Interservice this year will be held at Wagga in mid-July.

On Sunday, 21st April, the team travelled to Wollongong to play a social game with Bulli Workers' Club. This proved to be a very even game during the first half, the score being one-all at half time.

Bulli went to a 3-1 lead shortly after the resumption, but Albatross came back to score twice in the last ten minutes to even it out at 3-all, this being a good decision for a social. We were entertained afterwards at the club with a cabaret and nice supper, everyone enjoying themselves, as they usually do, at Bulli.

On Sunday, the 28th, we were visited by Coucliff United, the game itself being played under appalling conditions. Two inches of water covered the best part of the ground making the ball very heavy and hard to control, but despite all this, the standard of football was quite good. Eleven goals were scored, but a lot were missed due to the water lying around. Albatross ran out winners eventually, six goals to five, the old men scoring most of our goals. Maurie Thompson got two, Darkie Cole, Len Bolden, Col Ridge and Peter Fished scoring one each.

Good to see Len back on the goal scoring list — he's been off it almost as long as Maurie and Darkie. The Coalcliff boys were then entertained at the Sportsmen's Club. Everyone enjoyed the floor show put on by "Shorty" Cornell. Well done, Shorty.

— "OFF-SIDE".

## Albatross Hockey Club

A meeting was held in February to arrange for a training programme, and to re-create the interest which was lacking in 1962. The number of interested people was surprising, and Albatross looks like coming to the fore again in Illawarra District hockey.

Our first matches were played in Wollongong, in the Annual Knockout Carnival, and our team played very well to win all three matches. However, on the following week-end in the Second round, we met Wollongong Rangers, and they were on top the whole game. Our team work had deteriorated, and

some may have been too confident.

On Saturday, 11th May, the competition begins, and we are playing St. Michael's at Albatross, commencing 1500. It should be a close match, and our players will have to be on the ball, as the Saints are a very fit team.

The Moss Vale Services club have invited us to a social match in Moss Vale on Sunday, 26th May, and it promises to be a very good day. The Services Club is very keen to promote good relations with Albatross personnel, and have offered their hospitality to all who wish to visit them.

B. LISTER, Hon. Sec.

## RULES — Albatross Downs Fleet by 172 Points

### RUTZOU OUTSTANDING

In the opening round of Australian Rules matches contested on April 24, Albatross completely annihilated the Fleet side by 25 goals, in a game which was marred by scrappy play and poor handling, and because of weak opposition offered by the Fleet team, it was difficult to define if a player was in good form or otherwise.

**One player worthy of mention was Albatross rover Neil Rutzou. The fleet-footed young Nowra player was in everything during the game. He landed three goals and was responsible for several others.**

Giant Albatross full-forward Bernie ("Big Julie") Jeffries had a field day and kicked eleven goals. If the big fellow had put his mind

to it, his tally would have been a real eye opener!

**Other Albatross players to shine in the debacle were ruckmen Saunders and Kendall, rover Laurie Marshall, centre half forward Leon O'Donnell, centre Roy Onley and centre half-back Mick Carr.**

The Fleet backs suffered a humiliating mauling at the hands of the Albatross forwards, but stuck to their task very well, the pick of them being full-back Middleton.

Heavy rain fell during a large portion of the match, making playing conditions extremely difficult.

**Goal scorers: ALBATROSS 27, (Jeffries 11, O'Donnell 5, Rutzou 3, Saunders 2, Marshall 2, Mathers, Kendall, Onley and Graham goals).**

**FLEET 2, (Clark and Upington).**

## RUGBY UNION — Albatross Notches First Victory

### HARKNESS, BROOKS STAR

Albatross Rugby Union team scored its first victory of the season in the second round of matches played on Wednesday, April 17.

In a hard fought game at Rushcutter's Bay Oval, Albatross was victorious over Destroyers and Frigates to the tune of 22-11. The win was spearheaded by front row forward Harry Harkness and winger Bill Brooks. These two players turned in fine performances in the opening round against Kuttalul and both appear to be set for a good season.

**Albatross backs functioned smoothly; the hard-running**

**Brooks was well supported by centres Cheers and Martin and full-back Vince Nolan.**

In the pack, Harkness showed fire and received solid support from breakaway Allan White and front-rower Bill Ott.

Albatross Captain-five-eighth, Graham Price, is enthusiastic after last week's effort and predicts a fine showing by the local side in the third round match against Nirimba.

**Scores: ALBATROSS 22 (White, Cheers, Nolan, Brooks and Martin tries, Nolan 2 conversions and one penalty).**

**DESTROYERS & FRIGATES 11.**

## RUGBY LEAGUE

In this, Albatross Rugby League's first venture into the "A" grade ranks for some years, a comparatively good start has been made.

Our critics will be quick to say "What! One win in three competition games? Call that a good start?" Yes I do. This is a young team, most of whom have not experienced "A" Grade Football before, but they are improving with every match and if their supporters will persevere, the players won't let them down.

Three young players who have shown great improvement since the beginning of the year are Fallon, Williams and Hillary. The forwards, previously the weak end of the team,

have needed the stabilising of experience. They got this on Saturday with the arrival of Trevor Richards and the return of Curly Guilik.

Captain Coach Jimmy Davis has previously had a huge task on his shoulders trying to blend the backs and find time to school his forwards and will welcome the return of Vice-Captain Gordon Craze who, with the two old heads mentioned above, should soon have the forwards working as a pack.

Large smiles on everyone's faces on Saturday when Gerringong, known as "the Pride of the Coast" were humbled 11-7 on our home ground.

"LINE-OUT."

## INTER PART SPORT

It's on again — with as much enthusiasm as ever — and with the first games of Rugby, Aussie Rules and Soccer behind us so early in the competition, its going to be keen and close, with some hard-fought matches being played.

In Aussie Rules, Air Dept. had a win over Supply 6-6-42 to 2-4-16. The scores indicated that it was no walk-over, and on a dry day we are sure to see some very good marking and kicking from both sides.

In Rugby Union, Sqdns. and Station fought a hard 3-all draw in the mud with no "beg pardons" given or received. Despite the wet

and muddy conditions, both teams threw the ball around well.

L.E.M. Parker opened the score for Sqdns. by kicking a good penalty from near the half way mark; P.O. Ford then evened it up with a try for Station, after a good run by N.A. Fallon and N.A. Dalton. The second half was scoreless, with everyone glad to hear the final whistle, blown very capably by Lt/Cdr. Harris.

In Soccer, Elect. defeated Eng. 3 to 2 — The Green Empire, with five or six players in the Albatross side, may find the going a bit harder than in recent years. Engineering is not considered one of the strongest Depts. but Benner's Bandits had better watch out !!

## BASKET BALL "A" GRADE

With the approach of the Inter-Service Sports, trials for most events have already been held. The trial match for the Navy Basket Ball team was held at Nirimba a couple of weeks ago, and the following Albatross players were selected: Norm Rossington, Fred Rubley, Bill Kinross, P.O. Ford and A.B. Stevenson.

The weekly District Competition continues, and our "A" Grade have still only been defeated once.

The last match against our traditional enemies "SURF" proved a real thriller. With five minutes to go Navy were slightly ahead, and our team of 5 had been reduced to 3 players. This uneven struggle, 3 against 5, continued till the final whistle — but Navy withstood the attack of SURF and even increased the lead, the score finishing up at 48-37.

## Golf Club Notes

No one could say that the weather has been ideal for golfers over the past month, in fact most of our members are now thinking of joining the underwater club. The local course was closed at the beginning of May for annual topdressing of the greens. Unfortunately weather has delayed this project and caused the course to remain closed for longer than anticipated.

All greens have been sliced and now are in the process of topdressing and re-seeding. All members should appreciate the improvement during winter months.

No golfing fixtures have been held in the last month, but the trip to Catalina is now definitely set down for Sunday, 26th May. It is hoped that over 20 members will be able to make the journey, and all

intending participants can be assured of a good day's golf and excellent hospitality. Intending players are requested to contact C.R.E.L. Fischer by the 20th May, so that Catalina can be informed of expected players.

The second round of the Davis Shield matches against Nowra Golf Club have been postponed twice due to flooded courses and it is hoped that this match will be finalised on Wednesday, 15th May. Only members of the Albatross Golf Club may participate, so if any have neglected their subscriptions it would be advisable to contact the secretary without delay.

As soon as the local course is fit for play once again, arrangements will be made to challenge Creswell for the Naiad Cup.

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To: THE SECRETARY, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.

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Shooting

Although its winter and very wet, the Albatross Rifle Club has been very active at the weekends at Nowra Rifle Range, practising for the I.S.E.R.S., in which Albatross shooters took top honours last year.

With an average of one hundred points per man, per shoot, it's little wonder that Albatross won!

Under the keen eye of S/Lt. J. Lamb, the present Albatross shooters are getting quite a lot of instruction and practice. As he says, "We did it once — we will do it again."

Wednesday, 15th May, will see this year's first team of six from

Albatross at Long Bay Rifle Range, attempting to retain last year's title. Once a month a team from every ship and establishment shoots for top scores and if you fancy yourself good enough to represent Albatross in these shoots, contact S/Lt. Lamb, who will be only too pleased to give you a chance.

The team selected this month to shoot at Long Bay will be:—

P.O. JENKENS R.  
A.M.1 JENKENS A.  
P.O.(E.L.) UBELL A.  
C.G.I. WILKINSON.  
A.B. ALEXANDERSON P.  
L.E.M. SHEPHERD L.

## Spearo's Notes

This is Flip your Friendly Fish-head coming your way with the latest from the "Under World." Our recently formed Spearfishing Club boomed into activity on Saturday, 4th May. After leaving the shelter of our trusty Volkswagens (not forgetting the Prefect) we hiked for roughly a mile, and found ourselves at Wreck Point. Our visibility wasn't much good, but Blackfish, Black Drummer (Niggers) and Bream seemed to come in spasms. Our spears flew true and two of us "surf-ed" in with 18 to 20 lbs. of Drummer. A new spurt from John Shaw missed a hurried shot at a groper and he maintains that his gun needs a compass swing. Better shooting next meeting, John.

Was good to see Lt. Ray Dempsey and Lt. Ron Mayger in there trying to catch their lunch. We'll show you where the big ones are at Conjola.

Our catch for the three hours was 3 Drummer, 1 Blue Groper and a Spotted Rock Cod, making a nice meal, and, from our point of view, beating line fishing any day.

If you have some gear to sell, or need any hints on the game, come and see us any time and we'll do what we can to help you. Be glad to have you along one of these fine weekends. We'll have some notes on safety and general advice the first spare moment we get, and we're sure these will be of some help to the beginner.

Here's a tip to start the ball rolling re LEAD BELTS: These are expendibles, and should have a quick-release fitting. Feel where it is when you have entered the water, and try to have the right weight to suit your personal requirements.

Back next issue. Happy hunting.  
JACK SHOVEL.

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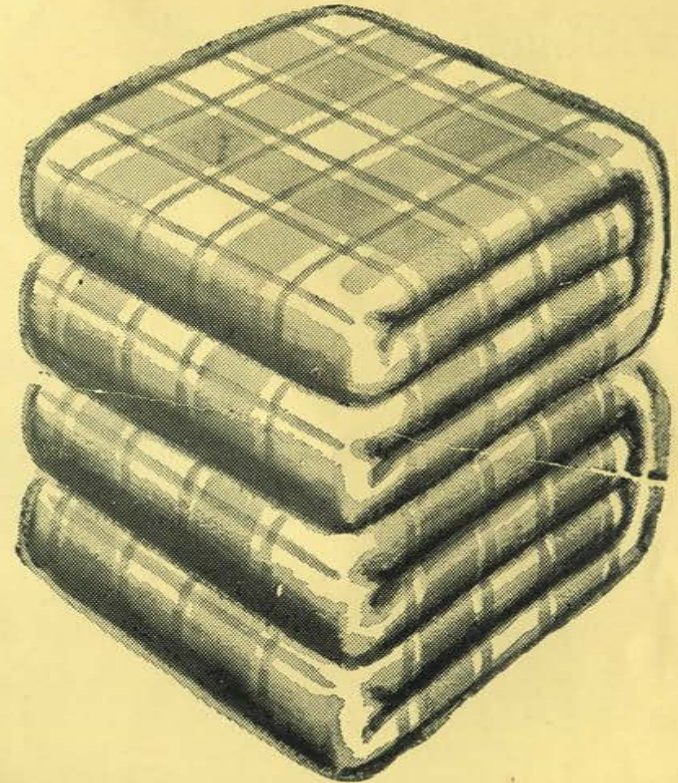
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