

LISTENINGS

(Perpetrated and illustrated
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ADOLF recently sent a message to Mussolini, saying, "My thoughts are always with you." It might have sounded better in verse:

Dear Muss, don't cuss if things go wrong!

You know your system's not too strong;
Hitch up your pants, breathe deep and fast,

For every breath may be your last.
I'm with you while the Axis spins—
If it should stop we lose our skins.
I've got you—land and sea and air—
Your country's in my loving care;
My hold's as strong as it can be,
Of course my thoughts are all of thee.
Don't worry, Muss! It's do or die!
We'll hang together—you and I.

The Japs are seeking the field in China from which the American eagles took off to bomb Tokio. But the probability is that all they'll find in the Eagle's nest will be china eggs.

Hitler has discovered that his intuition was not sufficient to beat the Russians and has called his generals in again. His intuition was deficient in intuition.



The Russians state that their policy is to bleed the German Army. "Blood and Iron" is the slogan of the Boche. The Russians don't mind losing the iron so long as the Germans lose the blood.

It is said that agriculture has failed in Germany this year. Evidently agriculture is more difficult to inculcate than Nazi culture. Unlike the German people the potatoes have eyes and the wheat has ears.

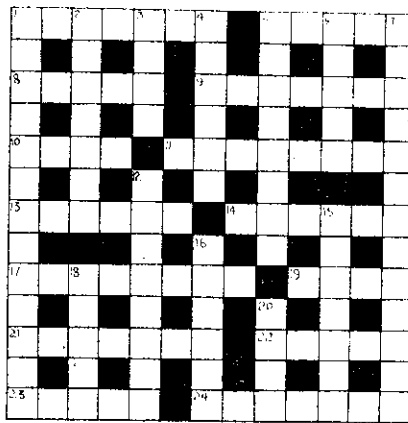
STORY from the Home Guard front:

Scene: Invasion exercises by small unit. Defender, using prearranged code, shouts, "Ping ping. Bang bang. Rat-atat." Invader still advances. Defender protests, "But you're dead. I've shot you with a pistol, a rifle, and a machine-gun." Invader. "Chug chug. I'm a tank."

THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

(Constructed by R.W.C.)

(No. 102)



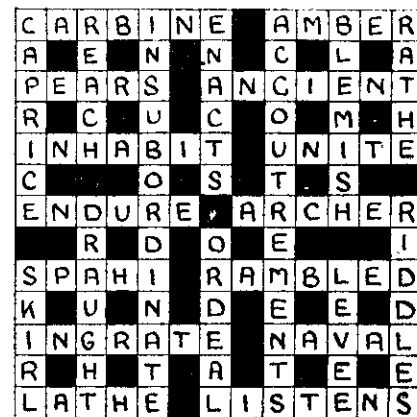
Clues Across

1. Learn by—Irish flattery?
5. Aside (anag.).
8. And 16 down. Scarlett O'Hara's third husband.
9. Pat, Con and I appear in a heading.
10. Club.
11. The law is confused in the start here.
13. Dot led in a little stroll.
14. Master is upset in the brook.
17. The moon sure is huge!
19. Furnace.
21. Ammunition store.
22. All in the middle of one exclamation to give another.

Clues Down

1. Proverbially worth two in the bush (four words).
2. One raid is put to confusion here.
3. A famous English school is overturned in a short letter.
4. Shy cat (anag.).
5. Unmannerly.
6. I care for this name.
7. Cautions Simon to be very pious.
12. Steel men (anag.).
15. Lies in bed for eatables.
16. See 8 across.
18. So sea may be found in the desert!
20. Is this much of a friend?

(Answer to No. 101)



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