

A REPLY TO "R.N." FROM TRANSPORT 82

She saw your apprehension
On that day across the Blue,
When you walked right up the Gangway
Of Transport 82.

She was ready to receive you
And to do her best for you;
But she has her limitations,
Has Transport 82.

When war broke out, a Liner
Spick and span right through and through,
With Tourists, Mail and Cargo,
Sailed Transport 82.

Escorts were needed badly
To convoy the freighters through.
So she turned into an A. M. C.,
Did Transport 82.

She carries scars of battle,
And the splinters bit her through,
But she's lived to fight another day
Has Transport 82.

After two years as a Cruiser,
And when Transports were too few,
She helped to fill the Middle East
With Men and Guns for You.

She has travelled many a voyage
To countries old and new,
And she boasts a million miles and more
Does Transport 82.

She had never carried Kiwis
In her life across the blue,
She's been proud to make so many friends,
Has Transport 82.

In conclusion hear her wishes,
Best of luck to all of you,
And damnation to the Axis,
From Friend TRANSPORT 82.

L. G. (Purser).

SHIP'S HOUSEKEEPING

By the courtesy of the Purser we publish approx. astronomical quantities of food etc. consumed on this ship since leaving N.Z. :-

Cereals	-	-	-	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tons
Flour	-	-	-	47	"
Preserved Fruit	-	-	-	8	"
Jam	-	-	-	7	"
Sugar	-	-	-	11	"
Tea	-	-	-	2	"
Vegetables,					
Fresh & Presd.	-	-	-	28	"
Butter	-	-	-	8	"
Cheese	-	-	-	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
Eggs	-	-	-	50,000	No.
Milk	-	-	-	6	Tons
Potatoes	-	-	-	56	"
Fresh Fruit	-	-	-	60,000	Pieces
Meat	-	-	-	118,000	lbs. (or the
equivalent of 77 oxen or 1966 Sheep or 1100 Pigs					
Sausages	-	-	-	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	Miles
Cigarettes	-	-	-	2,750,000	No.
Cigarette &					
Pipe Tobacco	-	-	-	4,000	lbs.
Tinned Fruits	-	-	-	36,000	Tins
No. of Meals served: 430,000					

—Purser

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Britain.
2. Kalinin.
3. Wing-Commander Isherwood-Ramsbottom.
4. General Godley.
5. Staff Corps - cuff and shoulders. Other Officers - cuff only.

ACCIDENT

One of the printing staff, Gnr. A. Ogilvie, has had the misfortune to crush two of his fingers in the machine and is now in hospital.

SOUVENIR ISSUE

As a result of sales of the Souvenir Number of "Down the Hatch", the sum of £6.2.7. has been presented to each of the two charities, the British Seamen's Fund and the New Zealand Seamen's Fund. — Editor.