

# DOZERDUST

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## THIS WEEK'S GOSSIP by Sucker.

The Intelligence Officer reports there is likely to be a request from the natives for one of our cooks to give his song at Bourail this week. Guess who?

This week's quiz: What tent has a S/M and two Sgts. who cant make the grade in the morning?

It is said that our doggie is "in a certain condition". Looks as though even an innocent dog isn't safe. Tough, eh?

Attention all footballers! "Bunnie" Spencer takes up jungle training after football meetings. Ask for further details.

WANTED. A clean old man to deliver papers. Apply this Office.

I learn that a certain NCO has his name on a list... at the head. He is waiting for sweet sixteen.

Meers. Titcombe and Woombs are forwarding us a few novelty N.T's. To be used as reward for good work. Ask Gamboni.

## A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER.

This issue of "Dozerdust" marks the completion of our first 3 weeks in New Caledonia.

In that time much has been done. Thanks to the efforts of the Advance Party under the command of Major West, we were spared much discomfort on arrival. We have established camps which are improving in appearance and comfort daily, and even now compare favourably with others. We have also undertaken certain tasks for others and have established our first contacts. Much has been done in this short time yet much remains to be done and particularly in our role of

Works Service Engineers, much is expected of us.

Before us lies a large programme of work, and we have already sampled the difficulties of attempting to carry out work without adequate or even any facilities. Be not discouraged by these difficulties however; the whole of this force has been faced by similar difficulties for months past and the manner in which these difficulties have been overcome, plus the results achieved should be an example to all of us..

Before any task can be attempted, some organisation of the forces available is necessary, and this organisation should be designed to form a team the individual members of which will function for the good of the whole. We are such a team, and it is the responsibility of each and every one of us to realise the importance of our own (continued next column)

individual place in this team so that we will spare no personal effort to ensure that OUR team carries out its allotted task efficiently.

We all have a place in the unit team and the unit team task, and the manner in which this task is carried out depends entirely on the spirit behind the individual effort. Similarly, the unit has a place in the great United Nations team which is now striving against our enemies. The success of each team is dependent on the successful functioning of its components, and it is therefore up to each one of us to see that our "own show goes".

Let us therefore face the future with whatever difficulties, or disappointment, or successes it may bring with the firm resolve to do our part for the sake of those dear ones left behind.

Signed,

*[Signature]*  
Lt. Col.  
June 12, 1943

## GOSSIP NOTES (continued from Col. I.)

The absence of table in our Mess is very but from time to time woolley dog will pay you.

Over here the flashlight than a girl

# AWAY FROM HOME ....

by L. W.

From distant New Zealand homes to rough military camps in Pacific Island bases within a few short months is, for those who have been parted from their folks for the first time, an experience varying in its effects. This sudden change of environment brings with it an equally sudden change in a man's outlook on life and his reaction to it decides his happiness until his return.

First impressions, of course, play an important part in a man's summing up of his new surroundings and those who are able to adapt themselves to changing conditions, or who have in the past been accustomed to such life, have a definite advantage over their less fortunate fellows who have lived in steadier or less varied circumstances. A man from a country district would, perhaps, settle down more quickly than the man whose life has been led in the city, in that he may be used to rougher conditions and less luxury or convenience than the latter. This, however, could not always be accepted as the rule, for outlooks differ as much as personalities.

There is the man who, throwing aside temporarily all memories of home, sets out to enjoy what this new life offers and, taking the rough with the smooth, makes the most of what turns up, always hoping for the best, and looking for it in every situation. On the other hand, there may be those who cannot so easily forget the comforts of home and find it more difficult to reconcile themselves to discipline, more rigorous conditions, and changeable tropical climates. These may be forgiven, perhaps, if they be heard grouching a little after all, that is the soldiers' privilege, and in most cases, this is lost as work becomes more interesting and the man himself increasingly busy.

The fellow affected most is, in general, the family man. He of all men, cannot forget his home and loved ones. Those memories of that slim figure in the doorway those eager little faces at the window and, above all, that parting, are always with him and he too may be excused if he be the most eager on mail day, or found perhaps on an evening gazing into and beyond those grey hills meditating. Return to New Zealand may be the predominant wish of all, but behind that, in our hearts is the determination to stick it out till this mess is over, and, by general accord, hasten the day that dawns hopefully now before us, when once our faces will be turned in that direction our thoughts take when time hangs heavy—HOME.

## HINTS FROM THE R. A. P.

RRRRRemember to have that daily dip no matter how dirty the water looks; personal hygiene is highly important in the tropics.  
 RRRRRotten food and dirty tins about the place attract insects which carry disease.  
 RRRRRinsing the hands in the latrine basin is not to be neglected-- it has not been put there to improve the scenery.

AAAAAnnoying mosquito bites are better left unscratched.  
 AAAAalways attend to that little scratch even if it looks small.  
 "AAAAnts in your pants" are bad enough but beware of Inobies Itch.

PPPPlease get tinea (athletes foot) treated, as you may pass it on to your cobblers.  
 PPPPProcrastination is the thief of lives-- dont hesitate to come to the R.A.P.  
 "PPPPPrevention is better than cure".

STOP PRESS !!! On Friday evening the first Current Topics Discussion was held in the HQ Works (CRE) Sgts. Mess. The subject was "America and New Zealand". All present had such a high opinion of New Zealanders and such a low opinion of Americans (Surprised, eh?) that the discussion was highly successful. And it was learned that all great Americans were Scotchmen. Ask Mr. Scott.

EXTRA!! EXTRA !! FOOTBALL RESULTS !! Works Services Team defeat B.R.D. B. Team in a fast, open and clean game. The teams met on B.T.D. Ground.

SCORE 13-0.

Tries were registered by F.G. Nicholas and A.J. Neal. A.G. Cathcart kicked 2 Penalties.

SOCCER!! For the first game against a well seasoned team, our team played a good game to lose 3-0. B.R.D. taking home the victory.

GOOD WORK, BOYS !!!



I have been appointed New Caledonian representative of "DOZERDUST", and feel that before starting on my official job I should explain how able I am to fill the post to which I have been appointed.

When notified that I had been transferred to an Overseas Unit I called on the officer in charge to see where I could be placed. Luckily, we went to the same University, Oxford. (District High School--- till he was expelled). And he was very pleased to see me, I can assure you, however, that it did not cause him to favour me in any way.

"You have been in the newspaper mill for the last three years," he asked me.

"Yes", I answered, "since the manpower shortage".

"Connected with papers, eh? I have it. We require a snappy gossip writer for our newspaper--- you are obviously the man. I have two assistants for you; they have Diplomas, or something, in journalism, so they may be able to help you a little". I packed my bags, and included a few small comforts such as a garden umbrella, an eiderdown and a small piano. The Army chartered a ship for me and I kindly allowed them to carry about a thousand soldiers--- as ballast, of course.

It was a delightful trip; meals on deck in the sun--- just like a picnic. In fact that one word describes the whole voyage. I meant to make a few complaints to the captain but was so busy with "chow lines" and purchases from the canteen that I did not have the opportunity of visiting him.

When I learnt our destination I was disappointed. Naturally, I wished to remain in a British country, and the stories I had heard about the French--- immorality and scent instead of washing--- was a little upsetting. At least the latter in a tropical country. However, it was all in a good cause (so I was told) and I thought that no doubt when I shifted into a comfortable hotel I would look at things in a different light..... I would have !!!

Instead of taking me straight to the hotel, General Barrowcatch had arranged a powerful convoy of great trucks full of armed soldiers in full war equipment. I was thrilled. The little flag on the front of my waggon flapped gaily in the breeze. The soldiers were all happy, and the natives stood by the roadside cheerfully saluting my waggon as it went past. My, but it's grand to be British!!

Though I had meant to note my impressions of the scenery, I discovered I had only definite views of the state of the road (despite my luxurious waggon) and the drivers. When we arrived I found my first work associated with paper.... but in rolls.

#### ON AND OFF PARADE

Sgt. Bishop is reputed to be preparing for a Waasing time. Is that why his party is not coming home for the weekend?

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Our Cyril is a man of action. Hitch Hiking into the wilds of New Cale in the early morning; he returns with a Grader one day, the next with a --- guess.

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You have heard of the Three Horsemen, the Three Musketeers. Have you heard of our Three Bushmen?

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Wanted.. Hair Oil. Our Glamour Boy, Fred Watts is running short.

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We hear that Stan is awake to the two lads who presented the same clean rifle.. Try a new one, boys.

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Kiwi news item--- the Commercial Hotel, Westport has been totally destroyed by fire. More important, the Port went west also.

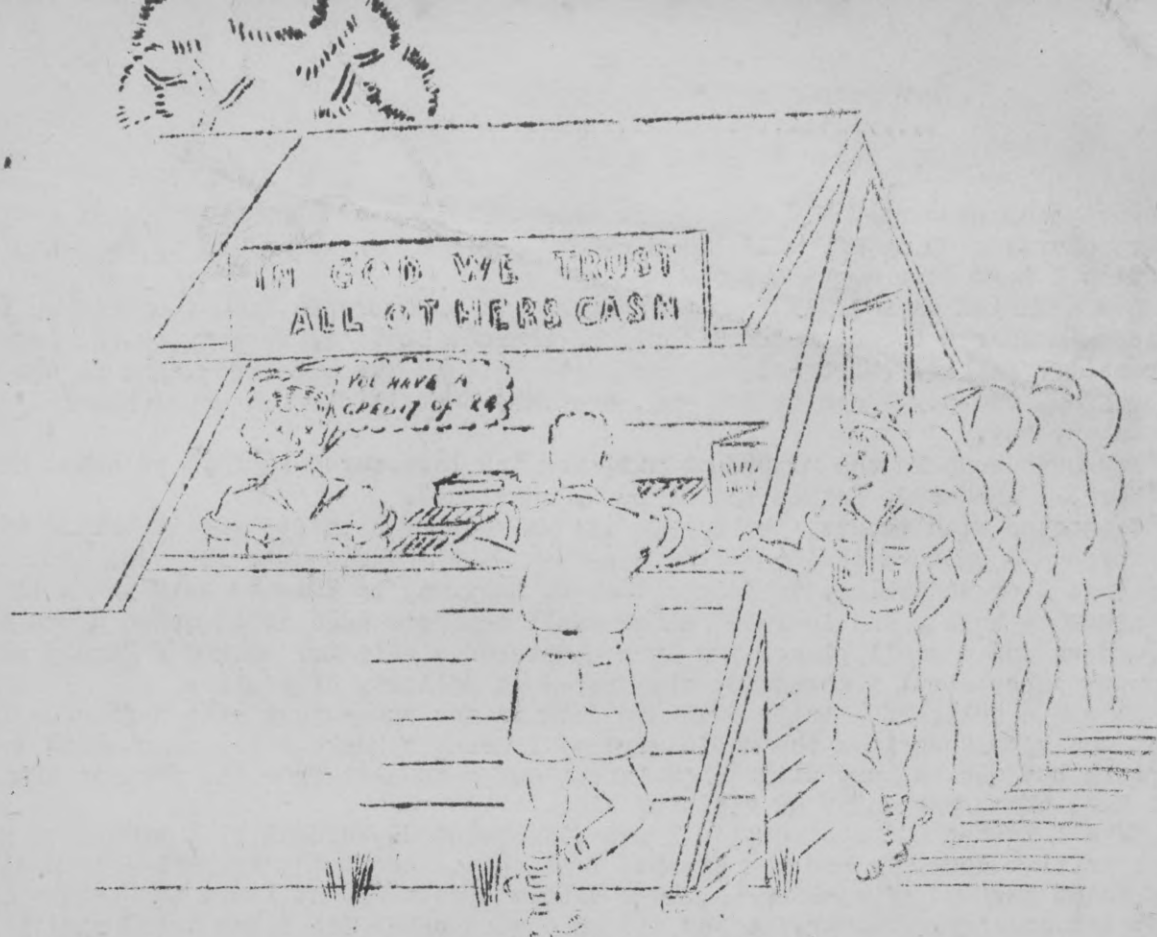
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A "mobile lighting plant" has been seen outside the officers' mess. Clever people, the Chinese.

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Kiwi News item--- "Wharfies" to enter Army. DOKO for your information and action.

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Breathes there a man with soul so dead who has not turned his head and said--- "Hum--- not bad". Or does that apply only to NZ.

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SWING ALONG WITH YOUR PAPER BY SENDING IN YOUR NEWS BY WED. OF EACH WEEK.

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A COPY GOES TO OUR CSM IN 4th GEN. WE'RE STILL HERE, FRED.



## THE GREAT GAMBONI!

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### NEW CALE (Sung to the tune of "Frankie & Johnnie")

I'm just in this army  
I'm just going along  
Swinging a pick and shovel  
For the Army all day long  
I am their man & they're doing me wrong

Dont want to tell you no stories  
Dont want to tell you no lies  
But do you think it's right  
Amid this heat and flies  
I am their man and they're doing me wrong

Dont want no chops for breakfast  
Dont want no bacon too  
All we get is Vienna Sausages and stew  
I am they're man & they're doing me wrong

I've seen this Caledonia  
I've seen their French girls too,  
Let me tell you, brother,  
It aint no place for you  
They'll do you wrong.

Take me back to En Zed  
Back where we belong  
Let us hope now fella  
That will not be long  
You'll be their man  
You'll do no wrong.

--Bill Bragg.

That man I say is no man who with  
his tongue cannot win a woman

-- Bill Shakespeare.

### SPORTS NOTES

At the time of going to press, we were not in a position to comment on Rugby & Soccer teams; in subsequent issues, we propose devoting plenty of space to all the sports. So keep us advised of happenings.

Two sets of Boxing Gloves have arrived. Early in the coming week a meeting will be held to form a Wrestling and Boxing School. The Boxing classes will not be run on the stouch and layout lines. Jack Dempsey and Tom Heenies will get plenty of training; the novices will get the ground work of the game.

The Base Sports Committee are holding a wrestling and boxing tournament each month.

Cricket season will not commence until the completion of the football season. Cricket-ers are advised to form a committee and prepare for the season. Bats etc may be obtained from the UEO NCO for practice.

NOTE : THIS PAPER IS NOT FOR TRANSMISSION HOME.

Who is "ANGLE-IRON"?

Two occasions when a man should not gamble; when he cant afford it, and when he can.

--Mark Twain.