

SAY fellas this heat is gettin' me. I feel about done out. Guess I must be gettin' the "Dumbie Stagers". Wont be bad though 'cos I'll get into hospital with Jim Fleming - he says "entrance fee is low, but a man's gotta move fast at times". :::: GUESS I had to keep movin' on Wed - nesday night: there was a party on down at the river - ---- Charlie Coffin threw a buck show celebratin' arrival of his daughter. She was a waw - the party - Percy Burling took all his clothes off and dived into the river. The W.A.A.C.S. ? Oh, they didn't mind. :::: BUT I sorta hunch Pat Cathcart did after he read that letter he got from the Waacery the other night. Keeking round the end of the tent, I saw his face fall when he read it & he burnt it before the boys could see what was in it. Hear about the S/W who went up to the Waacery the other morning with dusty boots an' hair all flyin' about. I wasn't close enough to hear what she said to him, but he came back to his tent, polished his boots, plastered his hair with Jess Catcher oil an' went up again. Heard W.A.A.C.S. say he looked "sweet". See what hair oil does. :::: HEARD boys in Jack Darroch's tent givin' him the works 'cos he's knocked off smokin'. They reckon he ruins their early morning sleep - he gets up at five o'clock - "all sorts of ungodly hours" says "Island Henry" Spencer. No chance now of a good snooze they all say. :::: BUT talkin' of chances you should hear Ossie Gray and Coneybeer on population, they sure agree how many needles should be in New Zealand. Course Ossie has two up on Coney - but as Coney says "wait till I get back". Guess we'll have to. :::: It was funny on the job the other day. An officer noticed prefabricated parts of ceiling were grubby after they were up. Boys said it was owin' to sweaty hands - and one was said "we should have a bowl of water to wash our hands in before we put parts up". The officer said "a good idea", but as he was leavin' he woke up and said somethin' else. :::: SAY, fellas lay off that young Dave Holm. Saw him belt boxin' instructor in the eve. It was a beaut. Sent him to the R.A.P. and he had it covered for days. Keep it clean.

A quiet week at the Conophone. The opener for the week was the rifle inspection and the check up on identity discs. "They were not doing that for nothing". Probably not - but no whisper of "home" came from the two insignificant incidents. Later in the week news was flashed through that the dead line for return home was fixed at Feb. 27th. It excited little comment. And so ended the week. :::: It is an interesting commentary on our Conophone Service that in the two American Units in the Dumbie Valley there is what is called the "Latrineconophone News". Unofficial and purely verbal, it follows a pattern of news very similar to ours. For instance, word comes through that a type of Unit is difficult to assemble in the States - the word goes round that "we are returning to Washington any time now". We heard whispers of N.4's building a hospital in the Solomons. Much the same story went round the American camp.

SIX thousand square yards of paint - that is the job our painters have on hand.

GORDON Macale reports that "Mrs Perkins" will be on the road this week. He is fond of the old lady-tough and all as she looks.

"PANHANDLE" Johnston hopes we can keep him happy now he has joined us. Says the "boys up in the bush are a great bunch of guys"he thinks he can put up with us. We have the promise of a demonstration of knife throwing on Sat. 11th.

PAUL Harris joined us on Friday. Maybe we'll rope him in on Sat. too.

BUILDING Section challenge Services to find a man to wrestle a fifteen stoner from section. Gordon Perry says "Course we can do it".

A star bout of the afternoon will be "Fat Man" Willie Hart v. "Puncher" Pears of the Draughting office. Watch notice board for full details of Unit tournament.

HOW many heard of Wilkinson - Matt. have Language Test?