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## THIS IS NOT A HOME ISSUE.

IT is no rumour that Bootmaker Biggs did a good batch of soles one morning this week. A pair of dirty boots we hear,

JOHNNY Mason motto for the year is: Keep away from 'em. Our old readers will be interested to learn that Johnny no longer has his picture gallery. Absence makes the picture fade.

TOMMY Stokes on lookout for an egg flip - or fried will do.

HAMILTON Maxwell was seen walking home from work in a quiet mood. When asked what was wrong he replied: "Nothing. I'm thinking. I don't have time to when I'm working."

"SHORTY" Hampton and "Panhandle" unable to get to sleep at night. After a visit to blacksmith's shop we know why....the Pin Up Girl is popular.

No hair yet appears on Fat Willie's chest. Q.M. still a trier.

## THE MISSION.

"I believe," said Count Okuma, a Japanese Statesman, "that the entire East is to be bound together in one heart & one mind. And I believe that it is the mission of Japan to bring that about." This confession of faith was not taken very seriously in 1935 when it was made. But Japan set about the mission in a thoroughly commercial manner, as the few facts we publish on Micronesia indicate. To the task of making the "mandates" pay she added that of dissemination of her philosophy - the core of which was the common bonds which "bind the East in one heart and one mind." It is not possible for us to say how far she succeeded; but success she has had. For the first time since the discovery of the Pacific the natives, under the Japanese mandate, have come in contact with a people who not only preach a common bond, but who also stayed with them & built up a social life. The Portuguese did not; the Spanish did not; the Germans did not. They had nothing in common with the people they conquered. The Japs

claim they have everything in common. This common tie which has been created will be one to be overcome, not only now, but also after the war. What is your opinion on the problem?

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CONGRATULATIONS to Barber Scandrett on his chic moustache. The threat to take it off did not come off

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"PLEASE refer to us as 'Master Craftsmen' - and put in a word for Excuse Duty Pay for us" request the following worthies -

Jimmy Wood.  
Ossie Gray.  
Joe Fox  
Alan Woodhouse  
John Coneybeer.

WHO is the N.C.O. who recieved a note asking him to "bring a couple with him", which he took to mean two bottles, but found it was men?

"LONG TACK SAM" is greatly missed. But Bill Hanlen is deputising for him.

GONOPHONE NEWS.

"HOME" sometime about June of this year "is the heartening news from the Gonophone this week. Based on the belief that the "General" told the troops "up North" that they could expect to be "home in June" our News Service tied that up with the story that no further reinforcements would leave N.Z. for the Pacific - and that adds up to "home in June". The less popular feature of the week sets the deadline at June 1945 and is based on the belief that when the Division is withdrawn Works will be augmented to the extent of another five or six hundred men and then set about building dromes, making roads and generally civilising outposts of the Pacific. This angle on the future is discounted as "wild rumour mongering designed to weaken the morale of the troops". A very dim view of this form of news is taken by all concerned. One member of the Unit who had the temerity to lay ten dollars on the strength of the story was all but mobbed with pick and shovels - and inundated with offers of up to twenty dollars. :::: ANOTHER hair raiser from the News was that the camouflage paint outside the store was there for no good reason - in fact, it was soon hot news that trucks etc were to be painted ready for the move "up North".

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N. Y. D. RACING CLUB.

THE Secretary of the N.Y.D. Club intimates that next meeting will be held on Feb. 6th which is Sunday afternoon. Details of the meetings will be published on the notice board; international comments will appear on International News Board. Anyone possessing President Stalin's published opinion on future of Club please hand in to Secretary. It is thought that the Hon. F. Webb will at least take his hat off to Club members.

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AT time of going to press details of forthcoming dance not available. It is intended holding it next week; date will be announced as soon as music is arranged.

THIS IS NOT A "HOMER."

THE WALLIS ISLANDERS.

THE recently established native camp some two hundred yards from our H.Q.'s has been the centre of interest. The natives who closely resemble the Maori in appearance are said to be from Wallis Island. "But where the hell is Wallis Island?" we were asked. Here is all we are able to gather on the subject. :: WALLIS Island lies north-east of Fiji and about 300 miles due west of Samoa. It has about 4,200 inhabitants and contains 40 square miles. It forms a French colony and a dependency of New Caledonia. :: THE name Wallis Island covers a closely knit group of nine islands, varying in circumference from one to ten miles, and surrounded by one extensive reef. The land is hilly, well-wooded. There are lakes in the extinct crater of the principal island. :: We have not had opportunity of contacting the natives in the camp, but we understand very few, if any, speak English. The most noticeable characteristic is their happy-go-lucky manner and their native dance which they whoop along most evenings. The natives are employed by the U.S. Forces.

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STORM NOTES.

(by K. McCaul)

(Cont. from last week)

DURING much of Tuesday morning the average speed was around 60 miles an hour, the equivalent of force 10-11 on the Beaufort scale, <sup>gusts</sup> probably reading 80 miles per hour, or force 12 on the above scale. During this time there was heavy rain, and the temperature had become much cooler. A change of wind direction to south-west followed, showing that the storm centre was then tot to the south-west of the island, moving towards N.Z. The great strength of the gale during Tuesday indicated that the cyclone had increased very considerably in intensity. Unfortunately there was no barometer handy, but it is probable that the air pressure fell as low as 29.0", and considerably lower at places in direct path of centre. We had what is known as the "cool sector" i.e. the least violent part of storm



# SNOOPER

SNOOPINGS BY



BETW a quiet week in camp except for the debate on Friday night. Not a bad show either. Guess I haven't heard many soldiers talk the way you boys do when you get on the platform. Mind you, an' I 'aint tryin' to pean in your pockets, I reckon the Kiwi is the best educated soldier I've come across in me travels. He has a close grip on things that's goin' on around him.. When the lade was talkin' I had a belt at the supper "Robbie" turned on; mighty good it was too. I reckon these cooks of ours are a good bunch - only gotta ask 'em to help out an' they dont grumble. ::: GUESS I'll have to be goin' up to see the "Naiouli Numbskulls" one of these days. Hope Lieut. Scott still up there and makin' his call to the Ice Cream place. Guess I'd better warn you boys that when you go up to Base you'll find insignia of "Naiouli Numbskulls" bit disturbing. Young Norm Matthews got busy with his pocket knife, cut a block out of flat rubber and made a damn good block - but I guess T.P.H. and Norm 'aint got the courage to put the insignia on a letter to "Mum". I hear Bob Johnston is goin' crook 'cos more of his poems 'aint been in Dozerdust; an' I saw the Editor tearin' his hair 'cos they were so long. ::: SAY, fellas, this dance that's comin' off on Friday night oughta be good - reckon I stand a chance with "Sunshine"? I don't want you boys hopin' in an' spoilin' me chances. Reckon I got a tough time ahead. 'Spoc "Tut" will miss Stuart and "Flatpin" will be disappointed 'cos her "Big Brother" hasn't got his teeth. Course a man can dance without his teeth - but.....there is it. Any you boys heard from Charlie Rye? Maybe he's too busy doin' his scene to write. Somethin' like iss ..... - what's here name. I cant remember. Guess I'll have to hop into Transit soon too.

## DEBATING.

### Works Scores Narrow Victory.

BY a narrow margin Works Debating team scored a win over Transit team on Friday evening when a return debate was held in Works Moss Hall. The question debated was that: "A return to Victorian Ideals would be beneficial to our Nation". Padre Hall of 4th.N.Z. Gen. Hosp. acted as judge, Lieut. S. Tremain, Works, as chairman & Padre Goffin, Transit, as Time - keeper. & Spr. P.J. Kenma in opening the affirmative for Works, defined the term "Ideal" as a "Standard of Intellectual Perfection" and went on to outline the motivating force of Victorian Ideals. This expressed itself in pride of country culminating in the Ideal of a Commonwealth; to that was added industrial expansion and a high standard of home life. The absence of settled convictions in our age, the lack of stability and the naked self-interest showed the need for a dash of Victorian Ideals. ::: LEADING the attack with rapier thrusts, Cpl. Izod, Transit, neatly pointed out the inadequacy of the affirmative's definition and, quoting the Oxford Dictionary, he defined Victorian Ideals as a "standard set up for imitation, and that, the negative contended, was what the vaunted Victorian Ideals amounted to. That was revealed in the religious, political and social history of the period. "Duplicity, hypocrisy and sham were the characteristics of the age - we are at least honest in our selfishness. We do not cover up our aims in the folds of a pink nightgown in iron bedsteads!" (hear, hear)

::: Sgt. Cliff Foster, Works, came back with J.S. Mill, Florence Nightingale, the Factory Acts, Catholic Emancipation Bill and a string of reforms that made the Victorian age an age of rampant idealism. "Religious missions did have the welfare of the natives at heart and on every showing had more to commend them than Lever Bros. or Burn Philips. Moreover, it had to be remembered that the Victorian ideal began in an age of child and female labour in the mines - and ended with a creditable range of social legislation behind it. We need more of this humanitarian outlook" ::: THE painted weapon of satire was jabbed deeply by Sgt. Clouston,

"WAR AIMS" cover a multitude of interests ranging from cockeyed utopias of world regeneration to shrewd jockeying for power and place after the war. In the larger sense the "Aims" are alleged to cover the national policies of future welfare. And we are asked to believe that we are fighting for such aims. Five minutes consideration shows that the "aims" tend to contradict each other; that they have been thought out in a period of panic; that they will be discarded when the serious business is over and that they are limited in range by the imaginations of their sponsors. Few of the "aims" have any bearing on the actual war.::: THERE are two aims only - let us restrict ourselves to the Pacific - for which we are striving. Australian, New Zealand and American troops are vitally concerned with (1) to kill the Jap before he kills them. (2) To get the whole damn thing over as quickly as possible and get back to their wives and families - where the wife needs the companionship & the children the care and affection of the father. In every soldier - American, Australian and New Zealand there is embedded the belief that his country is the best place to be and the best place to get down to "war aims". In war there is one aim - to kill. After the war comes the question: For what did we kill? Having killed him before he could kill us, what are we going to do now? In the fighting we did not know who would survive. In the Peace are we going to know the "Aims" that survive? Are we going to know that aims that come to the fore won't stand investigations are we going to be able to distinguish between open and covert aims? We might as well be honest with ourselves - and our future leaders.::: IF we are going to establish "aims" worthy of the sweat, filth, wounds and death of the struggle we have to keep both eyes open and stand for no feeling. And the first step will be a thorough analysis of the "aims". What will they be? Where will they lead? And who will benefit? Let us in a series of articles try to sum up the implications involved - or sums of them. Let us, next week, discuss FREEDOM: THE PRIZE OF VICTORY.

Transit, who amusingly paraded the manners, customs and education of Victorian Ideals. Whalebone corsets which required a bachelorette, maid to lace, black broadcloth that gave an air of perpetual mourning and mousey little children who trooped obediently into church behind Papa. It is difficult to say how Victorian grandparents would have regarded Sgt. Clouston. But it is a good guess to say he would not have relished the iron bedsteads.::: THIRD speaker for Works was Sgt. Jim Craig who ranged over Victorian Art, Literature, Architecture and finally settled down to the ideal of the Craftsmanship of the period; work was an expression of creative ability. It was something the modern man did not have. We could do with another William Morris. We could likewise do with Alma Tadema and Robert Browning. Modern homes also could do with a lesson from the good old days of a more stable home life.::: CLOSING the case for the negative Cpl. Enting, Transit, flung Karl Marx into the area and Palm Dutt after him. From there he went on to ridicule Sgt. Craig's weeping for Art for Art's sake of the long whiskered 19th century. The art of the period was one of emasculated pretties of the bedroom calendar variety. The stability was that of the smug, unimaginative middle class who were as dull as their furniture. Their charity was of the syrupy, condescending sentimental variety that cost nothing and was a slap to their consciences.::: CHAIRS replied found both men in grips. P.K. Konna saw red at name of Marx. "A revolutionary, how dare drag in that base fellow! This is a respectable debate! O. Izod snarled at the name of Nightingale - her ideals the ideals of eternity. She was a tyrannical old lady. The audience too joined in. And after supper the subject was still under discussion when lights out sent the lads to bed. It was a first rate night.

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#### STOP PRESS:

GONOPHONE SPECIAL, From the Gonophone comes the flash. Men twelve months on the Island due for furlough. Commence anytime now. Whoops.



By courtesy of the " Fire Bugs "  
reprint a portion of a lett-  
from Norm Pitt. ED.

INFORMATION PLEASE.

Coming up.

My Dear "Fire Bugs",

I hope old Bed-a-Bye has sobered up - really I was frightened he was going to beat me up and it was a relief to get away. :::: We had a good journey up, but there was ~~some~~ heat below deck. The meals were very good. I came up with another chap from Stratford and an old Q.A. chap from N. so got the latest from there. :::: WHAT a difference to Calio. The land here does not rise up and hit you. Around the coast is an extensive cocoa-nut plantation through which the road runs. Quite pretty too. The road is of coral, and sand as hard as concrete. The country is rolling hills with twitch growing on the brows and bush in the gullies. Further back it gives way to big hills. It has rained every day this week, but not heavily until yesterday, when it came down with a vengeance. It has made the place a bit greasy, but still think I'm in Taranaki !! I don't think the temperature is so high, but it's a humid heat. Cooler, though when the sun is shining. :::: JUST missed seeing Cyril, but saw Palmer the other night. This morning Jack left us. The other night we had a small debate in our tent. The subject being that " The White Races Will Be Dominated By The Coloured Races". Jack was elected chairman and conducted the debate in a somewhat orderly fashion.. Myself and Arthur Carey took the negative while Percy and Joe took the affirmative. The chairman, being very, very tactful gave the official decision as a draw. :::: I hope that George has nobly stepped in to take my place and that he keeps a firm hand on " Tiny " and Willie in their somewhat recurring differences. :::: WE have promoted Joe to medical officer. His main duties being to supervise the administration of atabrin nightly - half a tablet daily and a full one on Sunday. He also has to apply insect repellent. To date he has carried out his duties to the last detail & we are considering recommending him for promotion. :::: I must tell you about our new glamour suits we were issued with the other day. A beautiful jacket and long magnificently coloured in green with yellow spots. Canvas leggings which come up the calves of the legs. The hat is a masterpiece. You'd never know me in it.

FOR good tea----drink " Welsh Tea "  
...Sappers swear by it .....

WHAT would you take Eddie Goodall to be ...a Kanaka ? ...a Frenchman. ....a rare specimen of an almost extinct bird ? ....Cluc..An American soldier asked him if he spoke English.

CLIFF Burns knows how to spell " Lousy ". He had someone do a batch of scones. Be a good boy, Cliff.

" I wish to say that, in my opinion, " Georgous " Bobson is a much misunderstood man. He is not suffering from Waacerrigitis - in fact his conduct is most exemplary. At the worst you will see him standing at the side of the road with a ground sheet and a couple of blankets under his arm. Believe me, there is no harm in our " Georgous " !  
Butch Miller.

What did the " Bog Ape " pull out of his tyre ? A day off ?

A Sapper in the Building Section makes a new money saving discovery --Dilute hair oil with water. Try it.

ALAN Waterhouse challenges all comers to a game of Ye Old Cribbage. Reg Whitten excluded. His wins due only to luck.

" GREY DUCK " to race again. Owner Lowe says he has a good thing.

BOB Stevens, we hope, will be induced to give Sappers and O/R's the benefit of his revised and new form of English he is working out. Here are a few examples. When you go to Noumea you take a " swig". After you have had a few you begin to " cackle " and when you return home you say we go " Bed-A-Bye ".

"FREDA" Graham turns ratcatcher - is hot new from Services Section. First night rat leaves visiting card under his bed; following night he sets trap, with stale bread for bait; rat refuses to bite. " Freda " turns on the raw meat and lands the rat which he leaves on floor as evidence of his ability. Rat disappears before he rises. It is found with leg chewd off. " Freda " pleads ignorance. Cat visits tent. "Freda" peeved.

## MICRONESIA.

MICRONESIA - the " sea of small islands " Bounded on the south by the equator, and fills in the sea-stretch from the Philippines to the 180th meridian. The Mediterranean could be fitted into it. ( See Map in Mess )

DISCOVERED - by Spanish in middle of 16th century. Sold to Germany in 1899 for \$4,500.00.

GROUPS - chief are Marianas, Caroline, Marshall, Pelew. Total number of islands, islets and reefs number 2,550 - of these 1,400 are of varying importance.

1885 - Germans hoisted flag at YAP - Western Carolines - and claimed adjacent territory. Spain protested. Pope called in to settle dispute. Germany obtained trade rights.

1898 - GUAM - largest of Marianno Group ceded to U.S.A. by Spain.

1919 - PEACE Conference handed Micronesia over to Japan under mandate system. Justification largely on ground that Japs stepped in to islands in 1914.

NATIVES - when Japan took over population was around 50,000. 1938 increase amounted to only 300.

1920 there were 3,671 Japs. 1938 they numbered 60,000.

AFTER - Japan's withdrawal from League in 1935 she announced that no other nations would be allowed to control the islands. Consequently the Marshall, Mariannas, Pelew and Caroline Islands have been closed to Europeans.

JAPANESE POLICY - one of vigorous economic and social development.

1935 - estimated that 56% of native children receiving education.

1916 - only about 60 acres of land under sugar. By 1930 there were two sugar factories each crushing 1,200 tons of sugar annually.

INDUSTRIAL - all undertakings under thumb of SOUTH SEA DEVELOPMENT CO. Entirely Japanese.

THIS - company runs its own electric power plant; owns all the factories; leases land from the Govt.; releases it to workers; has exclusive right to make liquor which it exports to Japan

PRODUCTS - as well as sugar there is coffee growing. Established 1927 phosphatic ore companies export 60,000 tons out every year. 32,000 acres devoted to production of corn, tobacco, rice, pineapples & oranges.

ADMINISTRATIIN - divided into six administrative districts under civil officials. Executive power rests with Director under supervision of Prime Minister of Japan. Judiciary deals with appeals. Offences against police regulations are not accepted as grounds for appeal.

NATIVE - labour not employed in administrative duties by Japanese. Exception - appointment of village " chiefs " and assistants who are very minor spokes in the wheel.

NEWSPAPERS - several in territory. Published in Japanese only. No secret societies allowed. Natives not allowed to consume liquor containing more than 3% alcohol

COMMUNICATIONS - no information available on roads. A radio station at YAP ( See Next Week's issue ). There are several wireless stations in the territory. Japanese postal system well organised.

RELIGION - Japanese encouraged various christian demoninations to christianise natives. Buddhist religion well represented.

NATIVE - population may roughly be divided into Kanakas and Chamorroes. The latter were so named by Magellan and means " one who cuts his hair ". From information available, it seems that scholars are divided on question of groups origne. It is thought they have polynesian strain with dash of Japanese samurai, Spanish and Portuguese. They are said to be intelligent, with light skins and well cast features. Regarded as devout Roman Catholics.

NEXT WEEK : YAP.. TRU C...JAP

BASES.

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