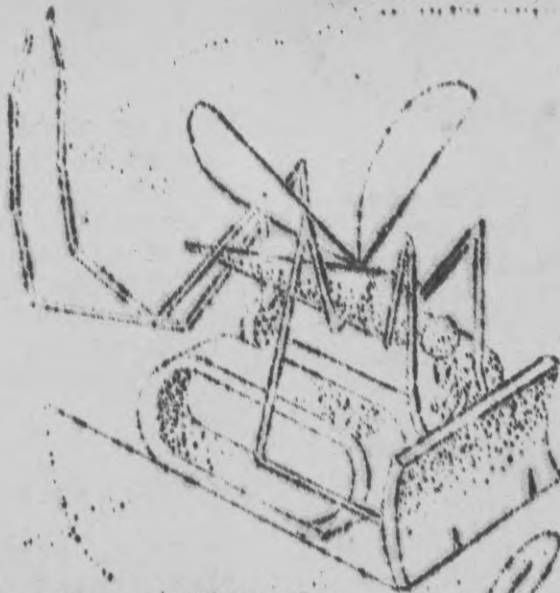




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THIS IS NOT A HOME ISSUE.

NEXT week Dozerdust will be produced by a group of "Guest Editors". Waactrac-kers be on lookout.

MONDAY night. GET FIR CAMPAIGN opens. At boxing ring at 4.30.

DOZERDUST conveys congratulations and best wishes to Lieut. Scott, of H.Q. Works on his promotion.

A limited number of A.T.W.S. Background Bulletins are available for those interested. Vol. 2. No 1, *Merero*, is a particularly good issue.

IT is suggested that our "Bog Ape" change his name to "Break-down" as he managed start the morning off with a broken axle. axle.

REMEMBER - the short Story Competition is worth \$5 - 30/- for the best story.500 words and humorous. C'mon Wharf Coy. Buy a War Bond with the prize.

SITTING ON IT.

IN few places in the world today can one literally sit on mineral wealth to the tune of millions. It can be done in New Caledonia; it is done every time we take a walk across the hills and sit down. Here is a quote from a report on the mineral resources of the island:-

"The mineral resources are enormous. Apart from nickel and chrome ores....there are large deposits of iron, manganese and cobalt; while antimony, mercury, cinna-bar, copper, lead, silver and gold have been found in quantityThere are considerable deposits of coal."

Furthermore, official figures show that over the period 1930-8 New Caledonia supplied 12% of the world's nickel & 10.5% of the world's chrome. :::: Members of our Unit who are mining men say the ground is no more than scratched. Is it not incredible that so much wealth is under foot, when so little is evident among the Mai-culis.

"NOT so bad as it is made out, but pretty crook, nevertheless," was how Spr. G.B. Lyon summed up his experience on Vella. "The worst feature of life (apart from Army food) is the Bush Ant and lesser species of the the tribe. You have only to leave your haversack down for a few minutes and you have an ant nest complete with grandpa, grandma and all the poor relations for company. But you get used to it - after a while, you let them crawl all over you and don't worry!he concluded. Along with Spr. Lyon are Sprs....

F. B. Allen
A.G. Walls
H.G. Wilder.
W.E. Fussey.
A.J. Malone

....all of whom have been attached to Field Engineers in the forward area. Dozerdust extends a welcome to the "boys" and leaves them to Snapper.

N.T. PAT. PARCELS.

GREAT excitement last night when Xmas parcels arrived for the boys. No time was lost in issuing them to all in camp, and Father Xmas never saw a more excited family. Here is a scene in a tent.

"What sort of parcel did you get, Bill?"

"Oh, great," says Bill. "Look, I've got a tin of peas, and I'll bet they're a lot better than the ones Cookie dishes up to us every day or so."

"Your telling me," says Joe. "Yeh? Strike a like! Look, here's a tin of Apple Conserve. Whoops! Those Kat Pat. guys sure know their way round. What's in that tin over there?", asks Joe.

"Well, I dunno," pipes up someone, "let's see."

"Wait till I've scraped off these blasted P.K.'s that seem to have taken an enduring affection for this label," says Bill. "Yeh, by jove, it is a tin of N.Z. Pilchers. What do you know about that? Wont that Red Salmon we get from the Ration Store try to hide its face when we open this up.."

"BUT look at this," says Joe. "Here's a chunk of Grandma's home made washing soap and, my, don't it stink?"

"Oh, shut up?" says Bill, "your's the sort of chap that's always looking a gift horse in the mouth. That soap's put in to give the whole parcel a homely tang. Here's one of these pieces of 'Barely' sugar - don't you get the whiff of good old disinfectant soap. I guess I'll have these by me for some time. I'll put 'em near my tucker locker - they'll catch those goddam ants that's always spoiling my oats."

"GOR blimey look," says Joe, "what's in this little round aluminium tin. Oh strike me pink, it's Gibbs dentrifice! And I thought it was a special issue for Elephantiasis cases. What a sell!!"

"ANYHOW", says Bill, here's a

tin of cake all sealed up. What about opening it and having a slice to go on with. The Quartermaster will probably be glad of the rest of the cans to build up an emergency ration stock in the event of the ABC ever falling down on their job which s'elp me Gawd!"

(R.T.)

"IT is difficult to realise to what extent every bit of metal or leather has been collected in Germany. On this huge farm, not a rag, not a nail, not even an old sole, could be found. To hang our clothes from the walls, we had to pull out nails from the barns, when nobody was looking. We fumbled everywhere, even through garbage cans when we saw any, in search of any bit of anything that could be used in our quarters."

All prisoners of war in Germany had to read and sign the following notice: - "The prisoners of war are warned that it is absolutely forbidden to approach a German woman. Anyone convicted of relations with a German woman, whether married or single, will be condemned to ten years hard labour. In case of pregnancy, the penalty will be death!"

"....." met a German woman being promenaded through the Stettin streets, tied on a carriage; stripped to her waist; her head shaved. Huge wheels said:-

"She has soiled herself with the love of a Pole!"

"According to a newspaper, she had received the very lenient sentence of thirty years in prison, while her accomplice was shot!"

From "They Shall Not Have Me"
Jean Helien.

Novel written by escaped French prisoner of war.

CHINESE PLAYERS.

THOSE interested in taking part in a Base Tournament, please contact "Pat Willie" Hart for details.

This is not a home issue.

SNOOPER

SNOOPINGS BY



STILL feeling a bit groggy from the binges I had the other night on a bottle of Vitamin D. I found hidden under a bed in one of the tents. Wasn't goin' to have a pull, but had heard so much about takin' "a shot" that before I knew where I was the cork was out and I had one and then another. Soon me head began to lift an' I was spittin' sparks. Then Bill Lawson, "Panhandle" and Bill Cossil began to sing "Sunshine". That fair broke me up - 'cos, between ourselves, I 'aint been gettin' on too well with me gal and that singin' made me feel kinda sentimental. I staggered up to the hospital to tell Sunshine all about it, but she wasn't there, so I took another "shot". : : : I hung round listenin' to that Orchestra of "Panhandle"s". It sure makes some of the guys in H.Q.'s go haywire - even the Q.M. used some choice language - and Gordon Berry wandered round in his pyjamas. But I like the noise they make on the moss tins with forks, and Bill Lawson on mouthorgan. Course Bill Cossil don't look like Nelson Eddie, but he don't shout out his songs like Jim Craig, and he aint got the looks of "Bunny" Sepnocr, but he and "Panhandle" look like two guys from the bad-lands way. Y' known, the old time sort, that went in for shootin' Red Indians, robbin' stage coaches and kissin' gals in saloons. I 'aint trying to flatter "Panhandle" - he's a pal of mine - and I reckon the sorta bloke to have round in a tough spot. : : : CAMP'S pretty quiet with all the chaps away on different parts of the island; some of the boys at Con Depot, some at Bourail building the N.Z. Club and some at Transit - this place is getting something like it was at Base before we came here. Maybe I'm gettin' itchy feet. Must snoop round an' see these new blokes from 26th Field Coy who have moved in with us. Reckon they oughta have some news of what's happenin' up north. Keep it clean.

RACING NOTES.

(By Hitch Hiker)

Shear Guesswork

THE meeting on Monday night should find some fast mokes facing the barrier, with one or two prancing about. Starter Lieut. R. Torrie anticipates some heavy work at the starting post, and he has been building up reserve energy on Vitamin pills and strict training diet. Says he never felt better. An American horse, SNAFU, owned by Capt. G. F. Sudman, comes to the meeting with an aristocratic background - Old Bostonian, I believe. Out of Passing the Buck by G.I. STYLE, he should make a strong appeal to punting Sappers and all Waacs. Another moke that should take some stopping is VITAMIN D, by NO MORE out of IKE. This is likely to be hot favourite, particularly when the memory of that great Sire "IKE" is remembered. : : : WITH nominations still open as we go to press, it is hard to say what nags will make the grade; it seems certain that unsuccessful triers at last meeting will make the grade. If they do not pull off a place at the coming meeting, I would suggest to the owners that they shoot the old crocks - not on the course - immediately after the race. Owner F. Kmonast seems to have more than his arm up his sleeve; he has been heard abusing Dozerdust each week-end. Fred is not Judge for this meeting and he hopes his horses will make the distance with the new judge. Owner Peachy refuses to spill the beans beyond an innocent smile. His stable can be relied upon. Release by Manpower out of Army is the farmers favourite and Owners Stokes and Bluck, both well known N.Z. financial figures, are probably cooking up something. Mrs Perkins, an aged mare, very shortsighted and well bandaged has a good background. Out of Dump by Army, she is said to be a trier by Owner Macale. It is rumoured that the OC is backing her heavily. Panhandle out of Air Force, by Miss Fortune is Bill Lawson's choice. Maybe a good nag on a heavy track. Vally Clean out of Laundry by Fing Lowe should be fresh and tidy at the barrier. Trix Robertson, only Waac Owner has a flas filly by the name of Good Hunting nominated. Out of Tailor's Shop by Waac it should make a good showing. Finally, remember, any horse is likely to loose.

WAR AIMS 1.

OUR BATH TUB.

" A Great Empire and little minds go ill together "
Burke.

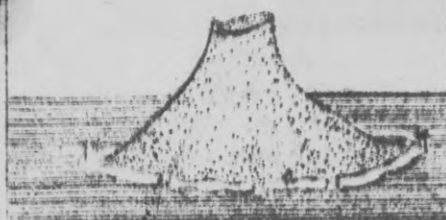
THE broad outlines of the Peace will no doubt be drawn to a European design that, on the whole, will be of little immediate interest to us. There will, as always, be small groups in Auckland, Wellington and the Southern cities who will follow international manoeuvres and who will keep their fingers on the implications of the economics of the European Peace. Beyond that the average New Zealander's interest does not stretch.::: IN the past he has bathed in the Pacific - it has been a week-end bath tub; a Saturday afternoon - Sunday hideout. There was a decade, away back in the days of Vogel, when N.Z. had imperial ambitions in the Pacific. Her eye was cocked on more than wool, butter, cheese and the weekly pay envelope. It was, perhaps, the one flicker of understanding of what the future might in an unpredictable moment bounce upon the country.::: LET us pretend we do the bouncing. We give to N.Z. all her present interests in the Pacific and extend her "sphere of influence" as far as the Solomons. (We might as well be generous with ourselves). That will mean we join Australia, in becoming the policeman of the Pacific. (We will be generous to Aussie, and give her New Guinea, and one or two other islands . We will hand it to her that in a couple of hundred years she will be the Empire of the Pacific).::: HAVING made the handout it is now up to us to say what we are going to do with our possessions. Invite them into a partnership, in which we don't fleece each other, and develop along the lines we have already done in N.Z? We have commodities that are wanted in the islands; they have what we want.::: THERE is the native question. The Mandate System imposed a " sacred trust " upon civilisation to govern " peoples not yet able to stand by themselves under the strenuous conditions of the modern world " A " trust " which Dr. J.B. Condliffe says " our civilisation is proving incompetent to discharge " If we are going to accept the

responsibility of moulding destinies other than our own, we have to know what we are doing and what we want of the future. N.Z. social life is based on the assumption that we are equal in the sight of each other, if not in the sight of God. It is up to us to stick to that policy.

GONOPHONE NEWS.

NEWS from the Service has been sporadic this week owing to a break in the guaze which left no excuse to linger. Communiques early in the week showed confidence in the quest for furlough. It was readily accepted that all Base Units were to have a fortnight in N.Z., and that they were to sign the Kiwi Charter in which they promised to behave as the gentlemen they were ; they were to turn a deaf ear to the supplications of the Farmers Union, the prayers of the Manpower Committee and divers other bodies that beset the path of the Kiwi Pilgrim. The Charter, it was reported was signed with alacrity - some even holding up the right hand (that is probably an exaggeration). A later communique Tuesday night was to the effect that personnel of Base Units were to have had their leave completed by June 44. There were unbelievers, the scoffers & cynics whose mournful cry was that they " knew the army, and that they would believe the furlough racket when they were on the beat ! Obviously knowalls . Fortunately, the common - sense say " thieving " - Kiwi has a high opinion of the army of which he is a conspicuous example, so that the scoffer is something of an oddity.::: BY Wednesday news was basically the same except that N.Z. troops were to go to Aussie for the furlough (owing to complications arising out of the Kiwi Charter, it is thought). After Charter the leave period we then join up with Australian troops under McArthur. " Tommy " troops are to replace the Kiwis on New Cal. Latest news is that all farmers in Works can expect to be sent home for the ploughing season. So bad is the manpower problem in N.Z. that the Farmers Union is unable to meet owing president and committee being overseas.

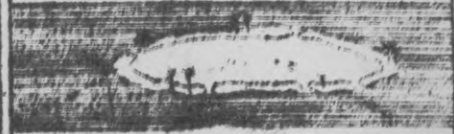
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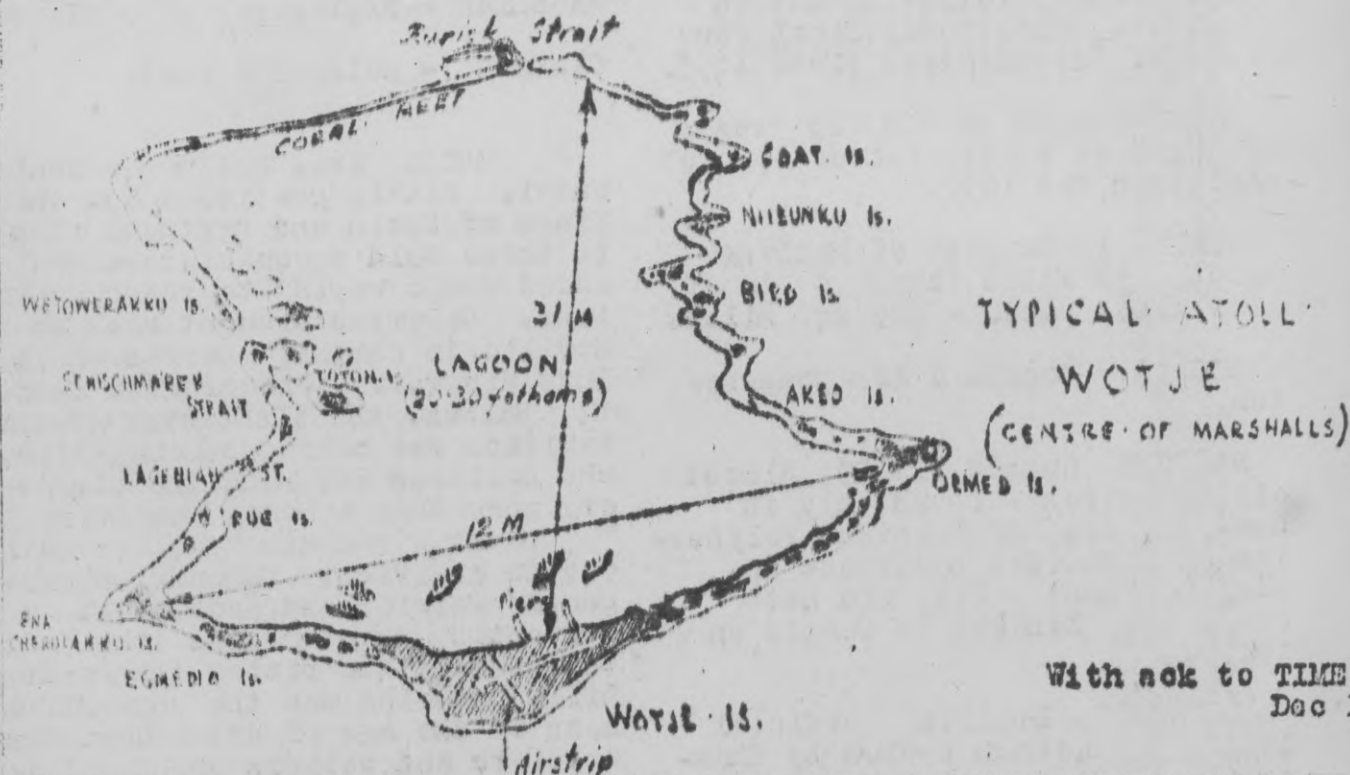
1st Stage: Volcanic Peak surrounded by a fringing reef, i.e. Pongape.



2nd Stage:



3rd Stage: Peak entirely disappears. Wotje.



With ack to TIME
Dec 13.

THE above diagrammatic illustration of an Atoll gives some idea of what the term describes.

MARSHALL - group has 30 Atolls covering 150,000 square miles of water.

THEY - constitute a double chain. The Radak, or Sunrise group, on the east. The Ralik, Sunset Group, on the west. They are low coral formations studded with islets, enclosing calm lagoons, where volcanic cones may once have jutted.

KWAJALEIN - world's largest atoll, an eighty mile string of islets, is the hub of Marshall fortifications

WOTJE - 31 miles long, a cluster of 60 wooded islands.

MALOEIAP - 32 miles long, has naval anchorage, and airfield.

JALUIT - 33 miles long, administrative centre.

JALUIT, 33 miles long, a nest of 100 islets. Strongly garrisoned.

COSTLY SQUARE MILE.

TARAWA - a square mile of coral fringed ~~land~~ accounted for the following U.S. casualties.
MARINES 1,026 Killed. 2,557 wounded.

IN the 76 hours fighting the Marines suffered 72 more deaths than in all their four months on Guadalcanal. The dead on Tarawa were only 429 fewer than the army men killed in the 38-day campaign for Sicily.

NOTES - on Tarawa Battle.

THE 16-inch gun is a powerful weapon in a sea fight, but its effectiveness in destroying unknown and sunken enemy pill boxes, by direct or high-angle gunfire, is not great. It cannot fire an unlimited number of times without re-lining.

SEA force can afford to spend full force only when enemy fleet no longer remains a threat.

FOR constant air & night artillery bombardment... a slow speed light ship with mortars... useful.

GUAM.

SITUATED - at the southern extremity of Marianna ARCHIPELAGO.

DISCOVERED - Magellan in his historic voyage round the world 1521.

FORMALLY - annexed by Spain 1565. Century following marked by native rebellions. Final conquests of Islands took place 1696.

GUAM - ceded to U.S. by Treaty of Paris on conclusion of Spanish-American War 1898.

GUAM - is largest of Marianna Group. 32 miles long. 4 to 10 miles wide. Area - 225 Sq. miles.

DEC 41 - became a Jap possession.

NATIVES - number 21,199. Almost all Chamorros - found only in Guam and are of Spanish-Polynesian mixture. (See Dozerdust on Micronesians) U.S. did not encourage Karakas to remain on island.

LANGUAGE - English official language. Spanish spoken by Chamorros.

ORIGIN - volcanic. Subject to severe earthquakes and severe typhoons.

LAID - Costs from \$3 to \$10 an hour. Cannot be bought by aliens.

GOVERNMENT - GOVERNOR a naval officer who is appointed by U.S. President and has rank of Admiral. He is also military commander and Naval Commandant of Naval Station.

CHIEF TOWN - Agaña, seat of Government.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS - mountainous, fringed with coral reefs. Heavily wooded. Southern half broken by hills rising to 1300 feet. Well watered. Northern half mainly a plateau, 500 feet high.

EDUCATION - public school system. 4000 pupils. Education compulsory. A special school devoted to agriculture.

INDUSTRY - copra, coffee, cocoa, sugar cane.

HEROES OF YESTERDAY?

COLUMBUS - Discovered America.

CONTEZ - Conquered Mexico.

PIZARRO - Discoverer of Peru.

BALBOA - Discoverer of Pacific.

MAGELLAN - Explorer of Pacific.

CAMOENS - Soldier & Poet.

" HEROIC eras are never sentimental. Little gratitude did the Kings of Spain and Portugal show to these bold conquistadors who added whole worlds to their dominions. Columbus brought back to Seville in chains; Cortez fell into disgrace; Pizarro was murdered; Balboa, the discoverer of the Pacific, was beheaded; Magellan, who explored and made the discovery more than a name, was murdered by natives and his name consigned to oblivion. Camoens, Portuguese warrior and poet, like Cervantes, spent months in a jail that was little better than a dungeon. Amazing was the unthankfulness of the age of discovery. The soldiers and sailors who had fought to secure the jewels of Montezuma and the treasures of the Incas for the Emperor, wandered as beggars & cripples, lousy and neglected, in the alleys of Cadiz, Lisbon and other sea ports - the few of them, that is to say, who did not leave their bones in the Colonies, but returned home to be kicked hither and thither like maffy dogs. What interest in such achievements had the courtiers who never left the safe shelter of their palaces, where they lived as drones, where they spent the time in gambling until they could secure appointments as governors of the new provinces? Then they filled their money bags, thrusting aside as vaxaticious intruders, the colonial fighters, the frontier officiers of these days who, after years of sacrifice and exhaustion, were fools enough to return "

Extract from "Conqueror of the Seas"
The story of Magellan.

by. S. Zweig.

We look back on the period 1450 - 1550 as the Great Age of discovery and romance: great in extending man's horizon it was. Europe discovered the world: subsequent ages made the "romance"

THE following are the components of the Japanese Empire, including conquered, occupied or "dominated territories", all of which (except the home islands themselves) are to be stripped away when the Cairo Declarations are fulfilled: -

<u>TERRITORY.</u>	<u>AREA (Sq.Mi.)</u>	<u>POPULATION.</u>	<u>ACQUIRED.</u>
Japan homeland.....	148,000	75,000,000.	
Formosa & Pescadores.	13,900.	7,000,000.	After Sino-Jap. war 1895.
Kwantung (including Port Arthur & Dairen)	11,400	1,657,000.	"Leased" from China. 1898.
Karafuto (southern part of Sakhalin Is)	14,000	332,000.	After Russo-Jap. War. 1905.
Korea.....	85,000	24,500,000.	By Treaty between Japan & Korea. 1910.
Pacific Islands. (In- cluding Marshalls, Marianas, Carolines)	830.	120,000.	Mandate. 1919
Manchukuo. (Manchu- ria)	503,000.	39,500,000.	Invasion, 1931-32.
Occupied China	?	100,000,000.	Invasion since 1937
French Indo China	286,000	24,000,000.	"Protected" since 1940-41.
Thailand. (Formerly Siam)	200,000.	16,000,000.	Military Occupation. 1942.
Malaya (Formerly Siam)	53,000.	5,100,000.	Taken from Nether- lands, 1942.
Netherland Indies...	730,000	60,000,000.	
Philippines.	116,000.	17,000,000.	Taken from U.S. 1942.
BURMA.	262,000.	14,700,000.	Taken from Britain. 1942.
	<u>2,413,130</u> plus...	<u>385,109,000</u>	