



# HONOURS & AWARDS

## OFFICERS AND MEN IN WORKS SERVE WITH DISTINCTION

\* MAJOR E. BLACKER. R.O.G.S.: Royal Order  
Grilled Spam (With Sappers Rampant);

The citation reads: This officer by his inspiring example, tireless energy & sound appreciation of tactical problems converted his entire company to STAM by the simple expedient of grilling it smothered in "RED EYE". His first displayed great initiative in winning his officers to the concoction at 2359hrs, and the NCO's at 0200hrs by giving them the option of Sappm or 7 days. That he sang a dirge is an unwise exaggeration by friends.

LIEUT. D. BROOKER. L. L. D.

(Lend-Lease Dpt)

This officer has been suitably rewarded for outstanding work. Though often grievously wounded by cutting remarks references to his Store and it's contents by various enemies, Lieut. Brooker refused to desert the sinking ship, but remained at his post playing his ukulele until the last nail had been issued and the last bin card entered up.

LIEUT. R. GILMOUR. D.O.A.I.

1st. Class.

AWARDED the Distinguished Order Of Angle Iron in that he did while on active service in New Caledonia follow an iron policy which resulted in the creation and development of many weird and curious contraptions some of which were of use.

S/SGT. G.G. AIM. I.O.C

3rd Class

THE citation states that the award is for steadfastness on active service. This N.C.O. has at all times refused the flesh-pots mentally offered by the pin-up girls of his room mates, and has also, in spite of tempting offers, refused to be wooed into a state of even partial surrender by the Manpower Officer. Always Category Z., S/Sgt. Aim has been awarded the Imperial Order Of Chastity, 3rd. Class.

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\* For full story which lies behind this citation see Vol 99 of N.Z. WAR IN SOUTH PACIFIC. (Page 989)

SGT. CHARLES RYE. R.O.S.

SGT. CHARLES RYE, awarded the Royal Order Of Spoonedcers, in that he consistently did his spoon on the slightest provocation, and that he nevertheless warned all personnel of his intentions by getting very red in the face and spluttering over any, and all, persons unfortunate enough to be within spluttering distance. Cook's Hat Rampant added as an afterthought.

SAPPER "SCOTTY" HAMPTON. R.O.P.E.

IN A CAN.

THE citation states: Royal Order Of Peanut Eaters is bestowed upon this Sapper in that he did, in his period of Service in New Caledonia, eat enormous quantities of PEANUTS which resulted in substantial profits to Works Canteen thus enabling much free beer for distribution. This Order is rarely bestowed upon persons other than those living, or residing, within Zoos, or Zoological parks, and any resemblance living or dead implied by this award is purely coincidental.

SAPPER G. MANNIX. K.C.M.

WITH RIBBONS.

SAPPER Geoffrey Mannix is awarded the Knight Commander of Maniacs in that during fifteen months of faithful service in the various Orderly Rooms he has earned the Unofficial Title of "The Little Maniac". (Ribbins to be used for cleaning his pipe)

SAPPER T. RADISICH. D.T's.

(In perpetuity)

This Sapper has at divers times been a COOK and on no occasion has he cooked the Dehydrated Potatoes so as to camouflage indignity imposed upon the spuds: To him is given, in perpetuity the title of DEHYDRATED TONY.

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DURING the last week the mysterious disappearance of " Mrs Perkins " & her full sister from the Dumbca Valley has been the subject of a good deal of speculation, and a lot of fantastic theories. It was alleged, for example, that " Bog Ape " Macale who had more or less mothered both old ladies, had dismantled them and packed them away in his kit bag, thus hoping to make immoral and illegal use of them back on his farm in Canterbury. Discreet enquiries reveal that he has both his kit bags full of American cigarettes and toy balloons which frees him from all suspicion, but has him greatly worried nevertheless. IN order to ascertain the official attitude, we interviewed the " Old Man " who was busy over what we took to be latest edition of " King's Regs ". On stating our mission, he looked up and said: " I am just finishing sub-clause c, of sub-section A of General Introduction to the Three Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Nine main clauses which follow. It is most inconvenient to stop reading in the middle of a sentence, but in order to set all minds at rest, I'll take the risk of not being able to find my place, and explain what happened. IN accordance with the last resolution passed by the General Disarmament Conference and the Hague Court Proceedings ( sec sub-clause f, of section Bi ) " Mrs Perkins " and her full sister had their innards removed- disembowled if you like - and their remains decently buried. " Gertrude ", or the " Sad Sack " was, as she was commonly known, was handed over the French which I discovered the Hague Court permits. I had thought of handing her over to Bob Semple for incorporation in the PWD collection of modern machinery. But such are the vagaries of Disarmament Conferences that I had to bury what I could not give away. YOU might, by the way, inform the troops that until I have read and understood the Three Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Nine clauses and sub-clauses of this volume no ship carrying Works Personnel will be permitted to leave the harbours, rivers, or ports of this island. You might also tell them that I am looking for a clause dealing with the declaration of goods other than issue in kit bags? I am most anxious to find something on the question- for purely personal reasons, you understand. " We did.

DUNNO what the " Old Man " thought when he looked into the Rec. Hut on Saturday morning after the Smoke Concert on Friday night with all them chicken bones, biscuits, cheese and empty beer bottles it sure looked like a tangi had been under way. COURSE the proper place to look round was the tent lines when the chaps was tryin' to get out of bed on Saturday morning. I heard S/M Mitchinson sayin' that he never saw such a bunch of " Sad Sacks " in his life before. Can't say what I was like meself, but I wasn't as bad as Ernie Clark or " Boogie Woogie " Southcombe who were headaches ahead of me. And I didn't sell out as early as " Stewie " Paul who sort of had the excuse that he had been on piquet all Thursday night and was sleepy, not drunk. Spouse you chaps noticed S/M Mitchinson - only time I've seen him lookin' real happy since he's been on the island was when he was finishin' his last bottle - looks like he forgot all about " home ". Next time we hold a smoke concert I reckon Alex Bowman oughta be put on the official programme, 'cos he was doin' the highland fling unofficially at one end of the hall an' tough on the chaps at the other end who was strainin' to see what he was doin'. LOOKS like you chaps is gettin' ready to move - reckon that's the cause for all the excitement. I was pretty excited meself the other day when I overheard the " Old Man " sayin' : " I must get that young Snooper home with us somehow; we might as well have him with us at Mangere because Dozerdust will get going when we are settled in. Make me feel pretty good to know I was goin' with you chaps. Particularly when I heard you are goin' to India for a year or two.. Well, fellas, I'll be seein you in N.Z. Keep it clean.



## IN RETROSPECT.

ON a blustering night, just over a year ago, was born "Dozerdust", the Unit paper of Works Service Engineers. Produced in a typically confused and excited newspaper atmosphere, the two-page cyclo-styled news-sheet was destined for a life of over twelve months, recording all these events and interesting happenings of this Pacific Army Unit, and creating for itself an affectionate niche in our life here in New Caledonia. The early staff took great pride in their joint effort; Artist Ray Barnaby; Printer Henry Ford; Typist Percy Kenna; Proofreader George Aim; Delivery Man George Lindsay and Ian Pears Handy Man. Under the light of several hurricane lamps, production was effected on a disused ping pong table, the sheets, after going through the duplicator frame, being laid out on a pile of cement bags on one side of the flapping marquee, where the wind gleefully hurled them all over the place. :::: BETWEEN cursing and chasing wet sheets of paper the staff slaked its journalistic thirst with beer and maintained the production pace until the last copy was stapled and stacked ready for delivery. Delivery Man George Lindsay who had slipped out with a few advanced copies returned with the news that the Unit censor had banned the issue on grounds that the paper contained enough dynamite to "create an international incident involving the French, Americans and English". A hurried consultation was held and more beer drinking from which emerged the decision to leave the whole matter until the morning. :::: LATER Artist Lyn Lipanovic and Writer Alex Bowman combined to present the paper's most successful series of Army Biographies, "Personalities Parade", achieving a wide readership. A further page was then added, making the paper a six page weekly. :::: FURTHER series of articles on problems in the Pacific added to the paper's interest. In between, a mass of material was printed covering all material activities of the Unit - sports, dances, personalities, poems, local geographical and historical data, sketches, competitions and a host of other interesting material found its way into "Dozerdust". ::: LOOKING backward, we can say that "Dozerdust" did a real good job, and many copies will be treasured in the years to come as

records of the a stimulating experience ..... membership of the 3rd. Division of the N.Z.E.F.I.P.

PERCY.J. KENNA.

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## OLLIE NAIRN TALKS.

CHATTING casually over his experiences in New Caledonia the other night, Ollie Nairn said he was satisfied that he had as good a run with the Waacs as any of the boys in the Unit. "Of course", he said, "Keith Morton did pretty well for himself, but he had opportunities to get around which was a big help. Rube Curtiss, for example, who did not get around at all could hardly be expected to make a name for himself. Another man who did pretty well for himself was Maurie Corrie. The "dark horses" were Maurie Doyle, Stan White, C.A.C Reid, "Boogie Woogie" Southcombe, Ernie Clark and "Sex Takes A Holiday" Maxwell. I am sure", concluded Ollie, "that neither Keith nor myself would have done so well had these lads been able to get around with their technique loose. Among the Sgts., it seems to me that Alan Chapman and the Transport Sgt. are doing alright for themselves down at the French home at the river, while Alex Bowman lost not time when on leave at the Kiwi Club." :::: "PANHANDLE" may be hot stuff in the "Pistol Packin'" line, but, according to the Bog Ape, he and "Babe" Dawson have to be hauled out of bed every morning. But that is not all. Morning after morning, the excuse of "At the Latrine, Sir" has to be trotted out. :::: AN exclusive party was held the other night at LeCler's - a number of Waacs and among the male escorts from Works was Maurie Boyle, and the "Bog Ape". The press was excluded, and all details of the journey home are jealously preserved. It is understood that a good deal of wine was consumed while the tables literally groaned with the weight of chicken, fish, venison, fresh potatoes, cream and other luxuries. :::: "SNO" Bell who is well into his 20th month in New Caledonia is happy at the thought of being a member of the "Rear Party" which means that he will arrive home well into the summer when life in the Queen City will be truly the "only place for civilised people to live".

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CORPORAL CLAUDIUS LOWE . M.B.S.

CITATION states that this N.CO. throughout the darkest days of the Battle of the Pacific when he suffered from excruciating toothache remained his cheerful and likeable self which greatly strengthened the morale of Services Section. He is awarded the honour of Mercury Bay Smile - a charm many unsuspecting North Auckland girls have blushed upon.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES.

THE following personnel were mentioned in despatches which means we shall hear more of them in the Canteen queue..

W.O.II S. Mitchinson: Devotion to duty greater than any desire to go home. Strongly opposed any talk of return of Unit to N.Z. ::: SPR.  
Tommy Atkins : mentioned in despatches to Black Marketing Board.:::: SAPPER "POP" Drayton for service & incorrect change at Canteen.:::: SPR.  
R.V. Smith : Stablising influence among troops: his eighteen stones a matter of pride with Q.M. ::: SPR.  
T. Woodhouse: ability to secure 300 good prints from 10.000 yds of printing paper. SGT. P. Wingfield : congratulations on not shooting himself when he threatened. ( Even this hot climate plays up with him) ::: Surprise that Spr. Tommy Stokes should still be alive after so much " Jungle Juice " - they breed 'em tough in Hawkes Bay.:: COOK Laurie Campbell for un-failing readiness to drink his or anyone else's beer issue: SPR.  
A. Healey's likeness to a movie star - considered dangerous to innocent maidens.

THE above list of awards, honours and honourable mentions is a matter for self-congratulation which we are all glad to have handed us. All the recipients would probably have preferred cash prizes, but Customs Officials decreed otherwise. We have no hesitation in stating that in the next Pacific War the list will be much longer - and so will the war. Congratulations, everyone. EDITOR.

THE CHALLENGE - 19151

Take up our quarrel with the foe  
To you with failing hands we throw  
The torch, be yours to hold it high;  
If ye break with us who die,  
We shall not sleep though poppies  
Grow in Flanders Fields

Lt.Col J. McRae.

THE RESPONSE-1943.

Fear not that ye have died for naught  
The torch ye threw us we caught;  
Ten million hands will hold it high  
And freedom's light will never die,  
We've learnt the lesson that ye  
Taught in Flanders Field.

L.W. Lillard.

THE RESULT - 1943.

Fear not, Works Coy is on the job,  
We've got a torch, it cost two bob,  
A Lance-Jack's hand holds it on  
High: it's light is doomed to fade  
And die.

We've learn't a lesson that it  
Taught: decent batteries can't be  
Bought, so in darkness we will grope  
We'll light our way with faith and  
Hope  
In Necal Fields.

SAM BURROWS.

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RAP ORDERLY ARTHUR reports phenomenal run on Vitamin Pills last few days: he says men are keen to look their best on landing in N.Z.

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THE Waac who was mystified why tables which she had placed two bottles of beer per man, at the Unit Dinner last week, did not realise until too late that one bottle was promptly put under the table and another called for - and delivered: result, - some men went short of their beer at the smoke concert.

WHARF Unit now hard at work - the sort they were waiting for

## NIGHT SHIFT SWINGS INTO

### ACTION ON WEAPON CHESTS .

UNDER powerful electric lights on Monday night a shift of nineteen men started the saws screaming on a straight run from 1800hrs to 2359hrs in an effort to catch up on the demand for weapon chests. Instead of attempting to use works temporary carpenters shop, the shift moved into workshop at 37th Field Park where shifts from Div. Engineers are on during the day.

#### WELDERS & ALL

A visit at 1900hrs found Welders Buckley, Watson and Johnstone H.G.P. all behind saws cutting off lengths for boxes; mechanic Stan White was busy with chisel; Nelson White, grader driver, looked like an old timer behind a saw, while Truck Drivers "Kanaka" Dobson, "Red" Drury, Jack Richards and R.V. Smith were keeping up production to Carpenters Nicholson, Burnett, Sayers and Jennings. O'Reilly was handling a hammer in a way that showed he'd be a nasty man in a nail driving competition. THE combination of carpenters, welders, drivers mechanics and others were knocking chests together in what will be record time: it was one of the best exhibitions of self-imposed drive anyone could wish to see. One might well shudder to think what would happen to Works Service should a Manpower Officer look in on the demonstration.

THE Quartermaster is a busy man these days. With his staff of three he has had the time of his life dismantling and packing. The issue of Battle Dresses under "Pop" Drayton and Tommy Stokes was a well organised piece of work. If the uniforms had been up to some standard there would have been less profanity, & a happier Q.M.

#### UNIT DINNER AT KIWI CLUB.

UNDER chairman Sam Burrows the Unit Dinner at the Kiwi Club on Tuesday night August 1st., was one of the most successful dinners held by Works Service Coy. AFTER formal toast to the King, "TPH" Buckley proposed the toast of the Unit in which he welcomed ex-Works personnel to the gathering. It was common knowledge, he said, that "Div. Engineers had done a good job in the forward area, and that Works personnel who had been transferred to the Div. Companies had upheld the reputation they had made in Works. To that was added the continued friendships which had been made from the early days. Major E. Blacker, OC of Works, suitably replied.

#### "HARD TOAST"

"Junior" Craill who was a member of the advance party is now a member of the rear party. "God knows what I am to do; I was a cook in the advance party. The Colonel, he didn't like hard toast, but he had to, 'cos I wasn't a cook, and every time I made the toast it was so God-damn-hard it would turn a pick: a bit hard on the Colonel, but there was a war on".

#### STEVE ARTHUR TO MARRY. FIRST TIME.

ON his return to N.Z. RAP Orderly, Steve Arthur will commence his furlough as a married man (first time). Mature Sappers hold that Steve, 22, should wait a few years before embarking in a partnership of so perilous a nature. Others contend that an early marriage is the only lasting basis on which subsequent marriages can be based; this point of view considered coloured by American influence.

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#### TOMMY ATKINS

#### FUTURE UNCERTAIN.

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SOME doubts exist as to best course for Sapper Tommy Atkins to follow on his return to N.Z. It is felt that his very substantial bank account may attract undesirable type of female companions whom Tommy will be in no position to handle. He has been seen drinking at least one bottle of his beer issue of late which speaks for itself.

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#### WILL NOT CORNER MARKET.

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IT can be authoritatively stated that Major Blacker has no intention of cornering "Red Eye" (To-mato Juice) market on his return to N.Z. He intends investigating Fish & Chip business on his furlough.