

SPORTING NOTE:

This week R.H.Q. took on F.C.P. for a cricket match and found them a bit tougher to dispose of than 150 Bty. Nevertheless, they came out on top (naturally - that's where all the brains are).

The scores were:-

R.H.Q.	66
F.C.P.	50

Top scorer this game was Cnr. "Extras", the only trouble being that he seems to have favoured both sides equally with a substantial addition to their scores.

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The "Jervois Bay",

'Twas a black November morning,
And the convoy under way,
When a lad espied a raider,
From atop the "Jervois Bay".

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"Clear the decks for action",
Was the order of the day,
As intrepid Captain Faigan,
Steamed into the fray.

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Only a light-armed merchant cruiser,
Against a modern battleship,
But they fought that gallant action,
Just to let the convoy slip.

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On her decks lay dead and dying,
For them their race was run,
But as the convoy scattered,
They knew their fight was won.

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Do not weep, but let us glory,
And forever and a day,
Recall in song and story,
The gallant "Jervois Bay".

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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.

Loss may be no dishonour, but dishonour may be the dearest loss.

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CEMENTING ALLIED FRIENDSHIPS:

Batmen polishing brass, Sam Brownes glittering, several gentlemen practising or rather polishing up their French. What we want to know is, if one certain officer still thinks F.C.P. means "Fire Command Post", or does it mean "French Consort Perfectly", or should we say "Femmes Cuddle Perfectly". Judging by the whistling lately we consider it the latter. Signed.....Neutral.

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150 Bty Calling!!!!

Spanners urgently required. Also men to guard guards guarding spanners.

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"Why didn't you salute?"

"Sir, I thought you were mad at me."

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ARMY EDUCATION:

After more than 3 years of war the question of Army Education is still being referred to in the future tense. In the Evening Post of Dec 12 the Minister of Defence (Mr. Jones) deplored the fact that "today thousands of our young men who normally would be receiving a civilian training are being denied that right as a result of the war". He was concerned in particular with the lads of 18 who are divorced from their ordinary training or education. These lads have been taken in their most receptive years, disciplined, trained and molded into fine soldiers, sailors, or airmen, but, after 3, 4, or 5 years, they will be returned to civilian life sadly handicapped by their lack of civilian training.

A survey of one of the batteries reveals that more than half had not received post-primary education and about one sixth had received 3 years secondary education. On investigation of their occupational fitness, it was found that possibly 20% were fully trained in one trade, and 5% were adept in 2 or more trades. Of these men 80% were keenly interested in furthering their education.

It is understood that the difficulties confronting the furtherance of an educational scheme are enormous. A wide variety of subjects must be catered for; the training must fit in with the real job of the army and the organisation of large and separate bodies of men into classes would be quite difficult. However, these difficulties are far from insurmountable.