

BY ONE OF THE BOYS: (204 Bty)

Now I who wield this humble pen,
Do not a few notes make,
And many amusing happenings,
I log for honour's sake.
Take for a start, the other night,
When someone got one's hat,
& smeared lamp black around the band,
I mean - must laugh at that.

Then one of the lads a brainwave had,
He'd clip off all his hair,
The idea caught on & 'twas not long,
We saw queer sights and rare,
With Jacko, Jullie & battling Len,
As bald as a barbers cat,
And Mitch; bumpy as a Mills grenade,
I mean - must laugh at that.

At tea the other night we sat,
Our evening meal consuming,
A great catastrophe occurred,
Mess table suddenly swooning.
The hapless lads on ground all laid,
Their dinners in their laps,
Shaking sliced peaches out of their
I mean - must laugh at that. ~~Claps~~

Now tent 17 is the rowdiest mob,
The Lord placed on this earth,
Their minor trifling arguments,
Cause quite a lot of mirth.
With Jock and Pistoff taking one side,
And Johnson carrying his bat,
The b-----s argue from morn to night
I mean - must laugh at that.

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INTERNATIONAL SPORTS REVIEW:

(By our special cricket correspondent
at a South Pacific Base - NOT New
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countries. Reserved to "Gun Flash").

On Saturday 23 Jan 43 your corres-
pondent was one of the privileged to
attend the cricket match between teams
representing a certain 274 Bty and a
certain 77rd. Hy Regt. R.H.Q.

This game, the second in the "Wick-
steed-Wanders Phantom Memorial Cup",
was played on a neutral ground - the
world famed "VD Oval" whose praises
have been extolled in an earlier
issue.

The Security Dept. has given your
correspondent an almost free hand in
reporting this highlight of the crick-
et world, but no mention can be made
of rank. We are also permitted to men-
tion that the strength of each side
was 11 men, but for obvious reasons
the equipment used cannot be stated.

The Dept. for Prevention of Paper
Waste has forbidden to publication of
the scores of the following partici-
pants on the grounds that it would en-
tail unnecessary expenditure of paper
on symbols that have no actual bearing
on the scoring of either side:-

Gatley, Davidson, Gee, Healy, Tucker,
Anderson (all 77rd. R.H.Q.)

Iusby, Bishop, Jackson, Graham,
(All 274 Bty).

274 Bty won the toss and sent RHQ
in. The game opened sensationally
when Davidson, having declined a trial
ball, returned to the pavilion after
the opening ball of Cooper's over. Two
balls later Gee followed him and after
the sixth ball of Ellis' over Gatley
also returned. At this stage RHQ had
lost three wickets for none, and, al-
though 3 runs were scored off Cooper's
next over, there was to be only one
more bye before Ellis dismissed Healy
4/4 Cooper then set to work dis-
missing McKenzie, Tucker and Anderson
in quick succession...7/13. Meanwhile
Smith was playing ducks and drakes
with Ellis' bowling and Armstrong of
hit a 4 and 6 before falling to Cooper
...8/25. Hopkins stayed with Smith
until the latter fell to the first
ball bowled by Iusby ..9/41. McGardle
last man in, scored a off Iusby before
falling to a full toss from the same
bowler RHQ all out for 43.

274 opened in a spirit of confidence
which was soon disrupted when Glen-
garry fell to Davidson and Cooper and
Iusby fell to Gee... 5/6. However, 2
Ryburn and Smith stayed together until
the former fell to Gee ... 4/21.
Bishop followed quickly ... 5/21.
Thus things were serious when Murphy
joined Smith, and a sterling partner-
ship by these two decided the game,
Murphy scoring 11 before falling to
Anderson .. 6/45. Jackson stayed
with Smith until a good ball from Gee
got him .. 7/55. and Smith himself,
fell to Armstrong .. 8/58.. Graham
stayed while three byes were scored
.. 9/61. and Ellis and Bygrave then
carried the score to 74 before a york-
er from Gee bowled Ellis, Bygrave
carrying his bat for 8.

The result, though unexpected, was
popular and both sides look forward
to a return match.

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Did you know ?

The American opesum is the great-
est master of the art of "playing
opesum". It lies like a corpse, and
it may be pounded severely and flung
away without exhibiting any sign of
life.

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