

# SERIAL WAVES

BEING SMOKE AND SEA SPRAY  
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## WAVES - SERIAL & SEA

Escorted by porpoises, albatrosses, and a boat or two, we plough our way across the broad bosom of (some) portion of the South Seas. By courtesy of our Ship's C O, John Dory is able to bring to your notice each day news of the wider world as well as news of shipboard life which will make our seasickness better, and our miserable lives yet more miserable if that be possible.

This is your paper, men of Transport 12 - support it and make it a worth-while publication - one which can be sent home - one which will be a grand memory, and which will grace the vaults of military history.

A digest of material offered will be produced as a magazine when we reach port.

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Thanks are due to our Padres who made those fighting speeches yesterday. They certainly cheered us and made us more resolute, but are we now so sure that we really want that leave?

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## SOME SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are pleased to announce that the Ship's Gifts Officer is making available each week 4 prizes to contributors to "SERIAL WAVES".

The first of these is offered for the best limerick. Entries must be handed in to the Ship's Orderly Room (marked "Limerick") by 1915 hrs Tuesday, September 3rd.

Our Editorial Dept is prepared to receive letters. If intended for publication these must be brief. In view of Censorship Regulations, the use of "french" is barred.

You may also bring your troubles to "Psycho" - who has undertaken to give advice to any soldier seeking it. Applications (which, with the answers are liable to be published) must be in writing, and should be handed in to the Ship's Orderly Room, plainly addressed to "Psycho".

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## WATER RITUAL'S COLUMN

Sorry - no blessed events, and no one "just s3" (in spite of the weather)

Cpl Allbon, 24 Auck, is reported to have an approved form of letter (passed by the Censor) on sale to the troops.

A certain subaltern had his name written in Chinese - it was re-translated by the next Oriental as "You Hang Low". Was this a prophesy? - He now has the mumps.

Is the Gift Officer our Santa Claus? We can wait.

Some moaning blighters ar'nt even satisfied with bacon and eggs - they want the chicken that laid them.

In the deep purple of the blackout a certain subaltern leant across the rail with cap in hand - the cap did not remain empty for long - all good gifts come from heaven.

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John Dory is pleased to publish Unit Songs. Here is one of them. Other Units are invited to forward their songs for publication.

SONG OF THE TWENTY FOURTH  
(Tune - "Early in the morning")

Eight hundred sober men and free,  
We've come to see what we can see;  
Shoot each one his little shot  
To put Herr Hitler on the spot.

Chorus: We are the 24th Battalion;  
We've crossed the heaving ocean  
With the very firm conviction  
That we're going to win the war.

Lieut-Colonel Shuttleworth  
Leads the greatest show on earth  
Right wheel down any Berlin street  
With the gleam of brass and the tramp of feet.

At Major Mantell-Harding's call,  
We're into Jerry boots and all,  
And a pint of beer to the man who'll wrest  
A handful of medals off Goering's chest.

Said happy Mac, our Adjutant;  
"Let Mister Goebbels rave and rant;  
We're not white-livered and we're not thin skinned,  
And we're not afraid of the sound of wind.

We'll follow William Kennedy  
Through Germany and Italy  
Across the Alps, all over France,  
For one swift kick at Mussolini's pants.

And come what will, rain hail or snow,  
Wind her up and let her go.  
A bayonet bright and a pint of rum,  
We'll blow the Hun to Kingdom Come.

(Note. There is also an "un-official" version. For particulars apply to  
Capt H.H. McDonald.)

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NAVIGATION NOTES (P. D.)

Some very interesting discussions have gone on in some cabins where members have compasses, and on several occasions it was decided to advise the Captain of the ship that his course was not quite correct, but as the discussions took place at night, the "blackout" made it difficult to find this gentleman, so the matter was left in abeyance.

Judging by some of our amateur navigators, we seem to be heading directly for Little America.

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Beer or Bibles? - Last Sunday evening's problem.

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POLICE ARE SO PERMANENT

One of our permanent police celebrated his election to the Force last Saturday night - what a cell.

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PRESS NEWS - SEPT. 1st.

Four air raids were made on London on Friday, R.A.F. airdromes were bombed but not seriously damaged, and a number of persons killed in widespread raids. Up to 10 O'Clock Friday night British time 53 German planes had been shot down with the loss of 10 British.

British bombers again raided Krupps and other Military targets in Germany, Holland, Belgium and France on Thursday night. Convoys and shipping were also attacked. Three British planes failed to return.

Rumania surrendered half of Transylvania to Hungary on Friday under pressure from Italy and Germany, Receiving in return (according to a German report) a frontier guarantee from Germany and Italy.

The Governor General of the Sudan announced on Friday that two American Missionaries were killed and two wounded by deliberate Italian machine gunning of an isolated Missionary Post.

The Admiralty has announced that 55 were presumed lost in the sinking of the submarine Orpheus whose loss was announced on August 16.

The R.A.F. has destroyed several hundred machines in a large motor transport concentration at Mogadiscio, Italian Somaliland. In the Sudan British troops fought a successful action, killing 10 of the enemy and wounding 15. No British lives were lost.

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Netherlanders gathered in Queen's Hall London on Saturday to celebrate the 60th birthday of Queen Wilhelmina - the first in the 42 years of her reign spent on Foreign Soil. Goodwill messages poured in from all parts of the world.

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SEPT. 2nd.

The French Government admits that rebellions have broken out in French Indo-China and French West Africa following the action of French Equatorial Africa in going over to the British cause. General Catroux is said to be leading the revolt in Indo-China. General de Larminat, Governor General of French Equatorial Africa has advised that the Governor of Gaboon has placed himself and all civil and military authorities of the colony under the flag of Free France. M. Amadoc Diop, Chief of the Senegalèse in French West Africa has also announced the adhesian to the cause of all Senegalèse " who do not want to be slaves" .

Gaboon, with its 4 million inhabitants, makes available to the Allies 2 more ports on the African Atlantic Coast - Libreville and Point Noir.

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Air Score for week ending Aug. 25th to 31st - German losses 293 planes, 700 airmen. British 128 planes, 110 airmen.

The Admiralty has announced the loss of the armed merchant cruiser Dunvegan Castle. 250 members of her crew are said to have been saved.

It is reported that Rumania has been forced to agree to the establishment on Rumanian soil of German air bases and headquarters for Tank Corps and Motorized Units.

British planes bombed the centre of Berlin on Saturday, damaging the Siemens Factory. Four million of Berlin's residents huddled in shelters for 1 hour 37 mins as our planes swooped overhead. Many fires were started. Forty six German planes were shot down on Saturday and 21 of ours. New air attacks on Haifa are reported. Little damage was done.

The Prime Minister, Mr Churchill has sent the following message to the Commander in Chief of the Bomber Command: (Message unavoidably condensed)

"The War Cabinet have asked me to congratulate the bomber squadrons who have been engaged in the recent long distance attacks on military objectives in Germany and Italy. The fact that on the occasion of the first operations in the Berlin area last Sunday week a great majority of our pilots brought their bombs home rather than loose them under weather conditions which made it difficult to hit the precise military objectives prescribed, shows a high standard of poise and self restraint, another sign that the command of the air is being wrested from the Nazi criminals.