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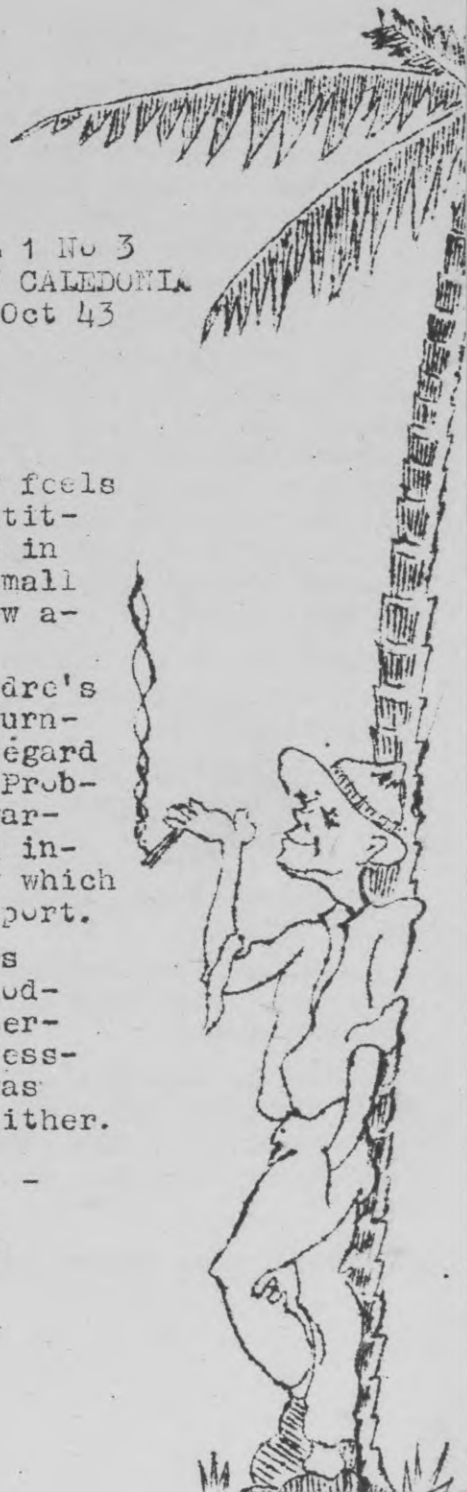
" We Must Not Lower Our Standards!"

There are times when the TRAMP feels impelled to forsake his flippant attitude and speak in no uncertain terms in defence of moral standards in our small community. Such an occasion has now arisen.

This week at Basketball the Padre's team, the self-styled "Holy Joes" turned out in a barbaric uniform. We regard this as the thin end of the wedge. Probably we shall have them rendering war-cries before table tennis next, and introduce a lot of noisy gallery-play which is absolutely foreign to British sport.

Padre Goffin and his supporters should bear in mind the record of modern history. After all the first person in the modern world to start dressing up his men in a fancy uniform was Mussolini. His team was no good either.

Contributions are still desired for the TRAMP and should be handed to
Graham Enting Editor or
Alan Pearson - Sub-Editor.



THAT'S NOT CRICKET

Cricket on Saturday was played in a perfectly ripping spot along the hills. Our Camp team was to have played the Works Services but the cads couldn't turn out and the hospital guard very sportingly took their place.

The Transit team opened the batting on a tricky wicket and pretty soon the wickets started to fall rather rapidly. The rot reached its height with the dismissal of Souther for a duck. Things looked pretty grim for the Transit team.

Best score of the Transit team was Les Scott who made a total of 18.

The hospital guard then went in to bat and dealt with our bowling in a devastating manner, their 2nd and 3rd batsmen retiring with a joint score of 50.

Sanderson's bowling was the most effective of the Transit team.

Asked to comment on the game Fred Cutler said. "I am afraid, old man, that the blighters were too good for us."

Stumps were drawn at 4 pm.

DRIVER CITATION

Following the example of an older and more widely circulating Island paper, we feel that we must give credit where credit is due and this week's excellent driver is

Driver Lynch !

When travelling with him to the beach it was observed

(a) At no time did more than three wheels leave the road at once.

(b) At times it was possible to distinguish features of the passing landscape among the general blur.

(c) On return to the Workshops the vehicle was still in one piece.

(d) He recognised the value of the work done by the Workshops staff by throwing beer round among them in a manner truly worthy of a member of the Ractahi Gentlemen's Club.

Table Tennis Points to Date.

Camp Staff	7	
HQ (Duck & Quack)	7	
Med & Dental	6	
Provost	4	
Holy Joes & Con	3	ea
Sigs 2. Wkshops	1	

THE TRAMP GOES TO TOWN

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A certain well known officer is known as "Sconnie" - We wonder why. Probably it was about him that the old song was written which goes : -

"My sconnie lies over the
 ocean,
My sconnie lies over the
 sea,
Oh who will go over the
 ocean,
And bring back my sconnie
 to me ? "

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Cpl Arnold Bell is a member of the Red Cross Committee. We presume that this makes him protected under the Geneva Convention. All ranks will therefore have to stop throwing mud at Arnold.

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Cheerio to Colin Harper who has left us for duty elsewhere. Don't all rush the spare bunk in "Green Mansions."

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The new water heating facilities adjoining the cook-house are a joy to behold. Men on the last two shifts at picquet will, however still have to stoke with wood, rubbish etc. We've always considered ourselves that "There's no fuel like an oil fuel."

Vic Roach has now rejoined the DAWN DIPPERS according to our beach correspondent. He was forced to withdraw temporarily owing to a cold in the head. There is however, no truth in the rumour that other people whose colds were in the head have also turned out again.

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Marc Holding - Sib-Acting - Deputy-Assistant-Director of Government Housing announces the registration of the following homes for residential areas of the camp.

Major Tarleton & Capt Wright "Pansy Palaces."
Other Officers' Tents
 "Rotten Row"

Block from Cooks den
to Woodpeckers Nest
 "Green Mansions"
Arnold Wharton's tent
to Fish Nash's.
 "Tent Terrace"

Workshops "Mossie Meadows."
Medical "Dead Men's Corner."

Signals - "Sigside"
WOs quarters. "Bachelor's Bungalow"
All other areas will be known as the slums.

WHO'S IN THE TEAM ?

Our Illustrious Batmen.

3. Batman-Dvr E.A.Hope

A tune whistled soulfully, probably "You Made me Love You", and round the corner comes Eric Hope.

The officers call him "Shorty" but other ranks with less respect for his venerable appearance call him "Baldy."

A man who simply lives for his hobbies. His chief one is collecting "Varga Girls" out of the Esquire Magazine. Has a collection unrivalled in South Pacific.

A keen sportsman and a solid member of the Headquarters (Duck & Quacks) basketball and table tennis teams. When asked what he thought about the DAWN DIPERS "Baldy" said "I promised my girl faithfully that I would not go bathing till I had learned to swim. I must stick to my promise."

"The Hosking Scone"

A limited number of the "Hosking Scone" -guaranteed part of original shipment to New Caledonia are available. The camp authorities request, however, that men refrain from throwing them on mess room floors, as repairs to the

concrete floor are difficult and expensive. If you desire one for presentation purposes, arrangements may be made with any stonemason to have it suitably inscribed.

DANCE IN NEW CALEDONIA

A dance was held last night at M. Maestrucci's. This was a very enjoyable function, a pleasing feature of which was a number of WAAC visitors from a neighbouring Waacery.

As a spectacle it was truly magnificent, and by 8 pm the floor was a blaze of colour. The increased number of female personnel gave the whole function less of the "One hundred Men and a Girl" atmosphere which characterised the last function, which was held when our last issue was going to press.

The spectacle at the last dance of Sergeant-Major Rex Fraser and Cpl Allan Hall dancing together was touching, and reminded us of the old song "Dancing with my Shadow."

Hats off to the social committed, and our thanks to M. and Mme Maestrucci for their kindness to us. Congratulations are also due to Les Scott for snappy escort and convoy duty. WAACO !