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It is observed that a certain O/R Sgt. with a squeaky voice is still using his own sorviettes at mess. The QM, we hear, has an army issue available. In the interest of harmony it would be as well to use the standard issue.

We understand that one Section is collecting whistles in anticipation of a serious shortage. The "Black Tracker", we are informed, prefers whistles containing two peas. Collectors please note.

We offer our apologies for the delay in delivering last issue of "Dozerdust" and for the evidence of "Blue Pencil". Both arose out of rush of applicants.. (see page 2) ... For the position of "delivery man" The Art Editor attempted to keep Sgt. Lindsay in his place in the queue, but such was the keenness of the Sgt. that our A.E. had to call on other members of the staff to extricate our Gossip Writer who was being tramped and kicked about in the mud. EDITOR.

THIS IS NOT A HOME ISSUE.

WE CAN TAKE IT: The rain on Thursday morning sent most of us scurrying to our tents; those of us who had not dug a trench around the tent found ourselves puddling about in a pool of water in an effort to save blankets, etc from the rain. So we fell to cursing New Caledonia and all therein. Much the same occurs on a trip to BRD when we are being jolted into a state of frenzy. Then there are the mosquitoes, the mud and all the other incidentals that get under our skin. In the course of a week most phases of our life and activity comes under the lash of our tongue.

Discomforts have to be expected. After all we have come from a country that ranks high in social legislation and all the amenities that go to make life worth while; and we have come with the primary purpose of providing the fighting and administrative forces of the army with those facilities which go to make life bearable and their jobs more effective and efficient. It is, therefore, up to us to realise that we cannot expect from others what we have come to provide for them.

The measure of our success will be judged very largely by the way in which we tackle the routine tasks of the day. To grumble has always been the prerogative of the soldier, but let us watch that we confine

our grumbling to our own failings rather than moan about the faults of others. If we fail to our work with the common sense attitude that the half candle, the hard slats, the "tin, mining", the pick and shovel and delays arise out of the nature of our particular job, then we will find we get along much better and, what is more important, unconsciously help others by demonstrating that we can take it.

THIS ISSUE IS NOT FOR TRANSMISSION HOME.

We thank all applicants who applied for the position of "clean old man to deliver papers" and advise that Sgt. Lindsay was the successful applicant.

TO BARBERS: GOOD & BAD.

National Patriotic issue of Hair Clippers may be obtained from CANTEEN: allocated on basis of one pair per Section. Maximum price per hair cut. TEN CENTS.

Disinfectant will be provided by Canteen.

GOOD KICKING SATURDAY BOYS.

SERVICE SECTION NOTES.
(By Plainerdust)

Owing to our Special Correspondent being engaged on a priority job at BTD we regret that we were unable to forward contributions, which would no doubt have improved your issue. However, we congratulate you on your good work and wish the paper every success. So long as it is issued in sheets and not in rolls, we see no reason why it should not be appreciated by officers and men alike.

Watch the notice board for date of official opening of the miniature FIVE BOMB RANGE. In anticipation of a large crowd we would advise visitors to wear anklets buckled tightly. No hand grips or other aids will be provided, and near misses will mean disqualification. A running commentary will be broadcast.

DID YOU KNOW ?

- THAT...cooks have discovered a new way of doing their laundry...ask Tony.
- THAT...Cpl Johnston has taken out the patent rights for a new type of carryall, which explains why he disturbed Cyril and Bill after lights out.
- THAT...Sgt. Berry is wearing a "Maternity Belt" yes, and it improves him.
- THAT...Bill Morrissey held a very, very select birthday party. Among presents, two tickets to St. James theatre, Auckland.
- THAT...the Water Duties Man knows who owns a certain truck. Guess the answer.
- THAT...that Bill Charlton has a gravel rash. Was he pushed, or did he fall?
- THAT...Alf is taking up Public Speaking.

ON AND OFF PARADE.

No Wharf news...Brain Trust Asleep : All stop Work Meetings suspended for duration; too much effort required.

Gil Smith, what about letting us in picking the name.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: It was not a Wharf NCC who got up at six the other morning; thought it too early, so went back to bed. HQ attention please.

Yes, someone did ask the Welfare Officer to arrange for a Shakespeare Club. We are becoming snooty, eh ?

" Slug 'Em " Swift gave a good display at the boxing on Friday night; see him next week...when he meets Tapper The Tiger.

Sgt. Lindsay says:-"I owe my vitality and youthful appearance to the ravishing Dorothy Lamour Soap I use when I have my occasional wash" (Ad.) We wish to advise all breweries, theatres, tobacco firms and manufacturers that we do not accept advertisements: exception was made in the above only because of the numerous enquiries why such a decrepit and obviously elderly man as Sgt Lindsay should be so active. EDITOR.

"Reader" will be interested to learn that our expectant mother has not yet gone to the maternity home. We suggest that sweets be held until later.

NOTES FROM R A P.

We have been asked to elaborate on the reference in last week's notes to "DHOBIES ITCH" : The complaint takes the form of a red rash and is usually restricted to crutch and under armpits. It is caused by a small microbe which belongs to the same species as the TIMDA bug, can be passed on to others by the person infested. It need not cause you alarm, if you find you have the itch, but it will cause you trouble if you do not have it treated. Like all rashes, this one requires immediate treatment... in the interests of all men in camp.

NOTICE .

MONDAY NIGHT AT 1900hrs. in the Coy MESS, A CURRENT TOPICS DISCUSSION will be held on the subject of :-----

SOCIAL SECURITY.

Capt E. BLACKER will open the discussion.

The discussion will be held in the top end of the Mess which will be used for recreational purposes.

BRING SOMETHING TO PUT YOUR SEAT ON: GOOD LIGHT SUPPLIED. ...AMN? MANY OTHER ATTRAC-TIONS.....NOT THOSE.....BUT COME...SEE

NOTE. Camp Barbers may set their own price for shampoos, facial massages, manicures, face lifting, plucking eye brows, colouring finger and toe nails.

ALL THE BEST TO : SPRS MANNIX, WARD, AUSTIN & STADE. We'll be seeing you.

PERSONALITY PARADE I. ITCH HIKING CAIN

(by Major Sucker)

He was born at Foxton in 1920, lived seven years in Greymouth where he attended school. He was dark when he arrived, but the incessant rain washed his hair as light as it does the wool of the sheep. More recently he lived in Wellington where he was a Conductor on the Trams, the technical name of his work being "Day Off Relieving Man".

In his Thumbs Up For Victory, he started off in the Signallers where in his own simple words he "Learnt Nothing", the fault of the "Officials"; then he was in the ASC where also he learnt nothing. Now in the Works Service Engineers: he is the Don R.

After many unsuccessful attempts, I managed to interview the subject of my article, during one of the short breathing spaces he has between hikes. He was wearing the smart motoring ensemble shown by our artist... the grease spots not being apparent.

To my surprise, I learnt that he once had a motorcycle-- in fact two, but, of course, they didn't last long. In any case he found walking ever so much quicker; no punctures, no trouble starting off and a far more comfortable journey. Quite often he managed lifts and that was really interesting. He did complain that the "right" people hadn't picked him up ... "but she's married, anyway". Once when driving with a Frenchman, the car broke down and to our Itch Hiker's surprise the owner of the car cursed volubly in English ... a tribute to our language, surely!

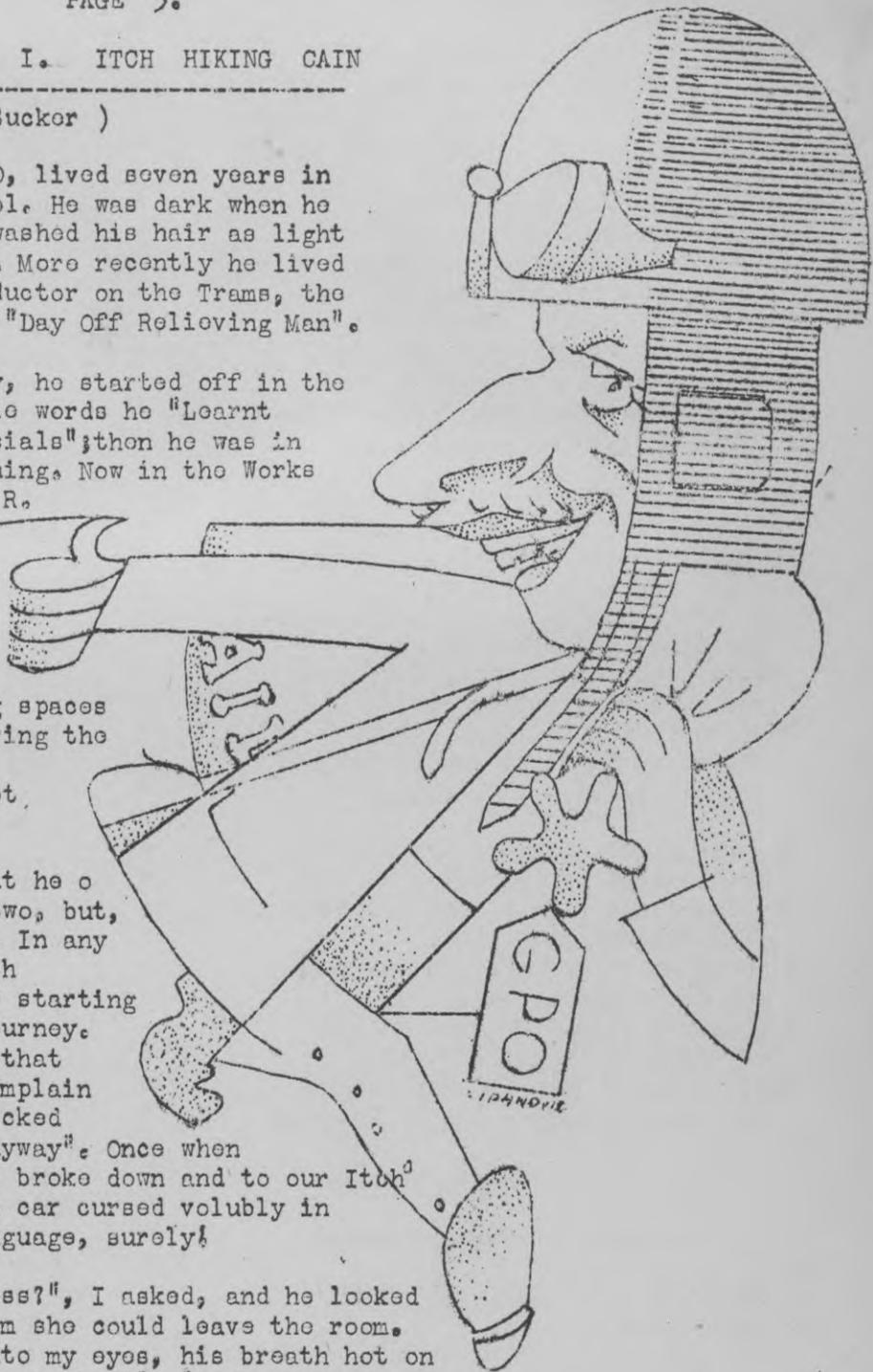
"Who is your favourite actress?", I asked, and he looked sideways at me, so I told Miss Aim she could leave the room. He then leant over me, looked into my eyes, his breath hot on my face as he whispered "Claudette Colbert". "And your great ambition?", I asked..... he told me, but I cant tell you.....

EXTRACT FROM A SOLDIER'S DIARY.

"The place doesn't look so bad, a little clearing will be necessary although there is not a lot of undergrowth. And running right through the camp is a splendid creek, two places of which provide excellent swimming prospects. The job today is to get our bearings and to straighten up our tents. With me in my tent are five fellows all from different parts of New Zealand. First, there is Lew-my pal of B---; secondly there is T.P.H; familiarly known as Buck, quite a character who, from my knowledge of him, conceals under an irresponsible front a well developed thinking machine. Next on the list is N.J.A., known to us all as Morry. He is a good fellow and a Batman; a man with a vivid imagination who should go far as a family man. The fourth member of the party is R.G.P from Temuka and late gas warfare instructor of W--- Camp. A very successful man in civilian life. Last, but by no means least, is D.C.C. from Wanganui, commonly called Dunk. He is our youngest member, but despite this, has had quite an extensive military training. Keen on getting ahead after the war, he has already got to work on an AEWS course; but then, why shouldn't Dunk want to get on-- back in little old Wanganui, waits a little lady - Mrs. D.C.C.- who made a lovely bride not long ago. Dunk is "nowly-wed", and has years of bliss ahead of him.

However, they are all keen on getting the place up to scratch, and after putting in most of the day working, we are now going to sample the river."

TO ALL SAMUEL PEPYS----- THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR A WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION
FROM YOUR DIARY.



THE FEMALE FRIEND

In this imperfect gloomy scene of complicated ills, How rarely is a day serene, a throbbing bosom still! Will not a beauteous landscape bright, or music's soothing sound Console the heart- afford delight- and throw sweet peace around? They may- but never comfort lend like an accomplished female friend.

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With such a friend the social hour in sweetest pleasure glides: There is in female charms a power which lastingly abides. The fragrance of the blushing rose- its tints and splendid hue- Will, with the seasons, decompose and pass as flitting dew. On firmer ties his joys depend who has a faithful female friend.

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As orbs revolve, and years recede, and seasons onward roll, The fancies may on beauties feed with discontented soul. A thousand objects bright and fair may for a moment shine Yet many a sigh, and many a tear but mark their swift decline While lasting joys the man attend who has a polished female friend.

--Pete Garcon.

WANTED ! CARD-PLAYERS!!

To attend a meeting at the conclusion of Current Topics Meeting (advertised elsewhere), Monday night.

DEBATERS !!!

To attend a meeting on Tuesday night, at 1900 hours.

BOXERS AND RUSTLERS!!!

To attend a meeting on Thursday night, at 1900 hours.

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All the above meetings to be held in the Men's Messroom.

Who is the man with the artists touch Who puts on the notice board all the right stuff

His work all around the camp is seen, Especially leading to the latrine.

Who is the man who works all day Under the spreading Waiouli spray, Tapping this and tapping that, Making little nicks and nacks Keeping the stocks of the O's up, So the boys can do their stuff.

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HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS TO CHURN OVER FOR MONDAY NIGHTS CURRENT TOPICS DISCUSSION.

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- 1. Should we pay for Social Security benefits at a flat rate or in proportion to our income?
2. Will Social Security weaken family life because children, when they become wage-earners, will feel no obligation to support their parents financially? or...
3. Will Social Security strengthen family life because large families will be less of a family and financial burden?
4. Should the right to unemployment benefits mean that an unemployed person is obliged to take whatever work the State offers him?
5. Do you think the Army system of payment according to the number of children should be carried over into the State services and industry?
6. What changes, if any, would you make in New Zealand's Social Security system?

From rather limited observations, it appears that we are one of the few Units which have the daily half hour for P.T. and sport.

By making full use of the privilege, we are not only expressing appreciation of it, but are also preparing to back up in other sports the high standard set by our Rugby and Soccer players.

ABOUT THE UNITED STATES.

Did you know that the United States of America is a vast area of almost 5 million square miles and supports a population of over 130 million. It is many times the size of New Zealand, which has an area of 103 thousand square miles and a population of 1,600,000. The United States has a population of mixed racial and national origins, and is a highly industrialised country and possesses great farming areas.

The United States is one of the greatest nations in the world-- the wealthiest and the most highly industrialised. Settled by Europeans over 300 years ago, it has long since developed a distinctive and virile culture of its own.