

SIR,

HE THUMBS FOR YOU.

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that in the last issue of your paper SNOOPER brought to the fore that two other sgts. and myself had a night out at Bourail a fortnight ago, but he omitted to mention that there was another sgt. there, and what I want to know, mr. editor, is this: do you and SNOOPER work in with each other not to mention each other's misdeeds? if I remember correctly, mr. editor, you also shared in the misfortune of selling out, or did you poke your finger down as the easy way out?

chas ryo.sgt.

when handed the above letter, the editor repudiated the suggestion of collusion between himself and SNOOPER. HE STATED THAT HIS MIND WAS A COMPLETE BLANK ON WHAT HAPPENED THAT NIGHT (such is the power of plonk) he suggests that since the correspondent uses the phrase "if I remember correctly" he too is hazy about what happened. apparently the four sgts have some thing to hide.

SIR,

is your correspondent EYE WITNESS so ignorant that he cannot tell the difference between a fireman's life and the half nelson on the evening in question I had just read of a case in the last war where a soldier had won the v.o.c. for conspicuous gallantry during a fire in a brothel. and as I am one of those chosen to accompany the a.c.w.s. tour of the pink house I wished to be sure, and prepared, in case things got too hot. pte. larson was kindly showing me both fireman's lift (he too hoping that I would get v.d.) when your correspondent must have passed.

major suskor.

in reading this letter EYE WITNESS asks if pte. larson found the wrestling holds required at the pink house, or was he merely presuming, editor.

major suskor asks us to inform our correspondent that the c.o.b.c. represents a lifetime's work which he cannot outline in a few words. he will give the public a few details in the fifty volume work: MY LIFE ON EARTH, which he hopes to publish to commemorate the armistice. editor.

if you want to hear something choice ask the canton if he is going to run a service station when he goes back to civvie life. his answer will probably be: "like bloody hell, I've seen enough oil tyres & gas to do me till the next war. a pity, he should make a good garage man; he rarely does his scene, but he cooks up some for charlie....."

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thumbing a ride in Bourail is comparatively easy, and on almost any part of the road one is sure to find a lorry that is going one's way, but in Noumea... well there are so many lorries going all ways that solo thumbing is out of the question. the difficulty is solved by a map. who is stationed at a vantage point. * * * you may please yourself whether you tell him where you are going, but you need not worry, there is always at least half a dozen soldiers or sailors making out DUMBEA way. you may only get a lift as far as CAPE NORMANDIE, but there you will find another map whose main interest is to help you find a lift. the most difficult time is after 9.30 when most of the lorries do not make as far as this camp. * * * a point worth remembering is that it is only a waste of time asking a frenchman on the streets where you can buy wine or spirits... for one thing he has answered the questions ten thousand times before, and he doesn't know for another. if he does say yes, you had best drop him fast or his plonk will lay you out.

have you seen a spr. using his water bottle combination fashion? it is the latest use for which the bottle may be used. you have not caught up with it most likely so here is a summary. rex concybeer can claim to be first man to devise system. grasp the bottle firmly in the left hand, cup the right hand so that it will hold a fair amount of water; pour out the water by gently lowering the neck until sufficient water obtained, then still holding bottle in right hand, stutich water over face with a smart free elbow movement of left arm. turn face in direction of mirror; if any dust remains on face repeat the process, but always go easy on the water. there is always the towel to wipe off the remaining dust. you are not at home now. the process may be done by numbers (see c.o.s.m.) a pamphlet may be issued later when water becomes scarce.

a sapper who went on leave the other day tried the tonky way of discarding the khaki in favour of another colour. he may have caught a "honey's" eye, but also caught some comments... or did he miss them? if he did... the tip may be worth while.

ISSUE NEXT WEEK GOES HOME.

over the week-end get your cheerios ready. your orderly section clerks have the numbers for your section... so be in AND REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND IN CONTRIBUTIONS... YOU NEED NOT BE HIGH FLOWN... JUST IMAGINE YOU ARE WRITING TO MUM TELLING HER ALL ABOUT IT....