

SNOOPINGS BY SNOOPER.

NOT a hope of gettin' the notes under the door this week - had to wait until the Editor was out & rush in with them. Hope he doesn't censor too heavily. And I reckon Capt. Boyd oughta put me on that beer ration state - all I get are the few drops the boys leave in the cans, and that aint too much. Say, did you go to the dance on Thursday night? I was there. Music a bit late in startin', but once the band started to play "I'll fall in love again", you shoulda seen the way the sappers brightened and rushed the girls. I was knocked flyin'. Snoopin round early in the week I got my eye on one called "Sunshine" - gosh she's nice. I'll tell you about her later. Then I got all mixed up with the "Family". Heard about 'em? Very exclusive.. mostly S/M's. First there is "Flatspin", the Big Sister who peddles a good line of kiddin'. She has developed an affectionate soft spot for Big Brother Freddie. They looked into each other's eyes, they walked hand in hand in the moonlight and she sighed softly in the moonlight - but there aint no hay round these parts. Then there is Big Brother Stuart, so tall and strong and, as "Flatspin" says, "with such appealing ways". He and "Tut" sat together most of the night & she was heard to say while dancing - "I could never do this if you did not hold me tight" so he tightened the squeeze and smiled the smile of the silent strong man. Another heavy line at the end of a dance was followed by a longing gaze and ended with "wasn't it won-der-ful!" There is young Brother Charlie whose style was cramped at the dance by an injured hand, but he too, did a heavy line with Kay who says "My Charlie has the cutest little laugh & the catchy smile of puffed cheeks. She watched him do a batch of Sgts Scenes on Sunday on the way to the beach trip. Next to the Brothers tent are the poor relations - they are only Sgts & not at all encouraged. Young Alex Bowman snorts as he asks "who the hell they think they are!" He doesn't approve of people who do not like dancing with sappers. Course Bill Lawson and Trixie are pretty pally - got a keen eye for beauty has our Bill. An' I saw Dave Holwell showing some smart footwork with Maxine who found

a heavy ground swell. ::: TELL you something good to watch was the Parade at Noumea on Armistice Day. A French dame just about pushed me down a drain at a corner and I got all mixed up in a Kanaka woman's red dress, but I wormed my way to the front of the crowd. Say, did I poke my chest out when WORKS came along. You shoulda seen Major Blacker take the lead, he looked good, then came Fred Kronast as RSM, he fair made Noumea shake. I clapped like hell, so did 'crowd. Made a Yank say "them New Zealanders sure got a big hand" - an' they sure did. Guess the W.A.A.C.S. were pretty smart. After they went past I heard someone say that the "New Zealanders looked they were personally responsible for show put up by their country" :: SAY - what ya think of the exhibition of highland dancing - my girl too - at the dance. Guess that Sgt. went try to cook up something for Lieut Wise again. It was like this. Lieut. Wise had "Sunshine" booked for a dance and he kept slippin', but he finally booked one, but he didn't know that it was a Highland Scottish. "Sunshine" saw the M.C. and suggested changing it, 'cos she knew Lieut. Wise wouldn't like it. But the Sgt. wheezed up the orchestra to play it & put it up to "Sunshine" to try Lieut Wise out. But you should have seen his face fall when he heard what the dance was. But he wasn't going to be fooled. He saw the Sgt. standing by grinning - so he promptly says " - carry on" Sgt - and the Sgt. had to do the dance.:::.. GUESS this is where the Editor steps in. More next week.

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"The difference between a N.Z. Soldier and an American Soldier in the dark gave rise to some good guesses, but Jim Finland was the one who scored a direct hit.. he wrote - "I cant see any difference". And that is the answer. The puzzle came from the Waacery - when it was discovered that in the dark both N.Z. & U.S. troops behave much about the same. Jim put the emphasis on the "See", but it should go elsewhere. Call for the three dollars. The