

# SNOOPER

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STILL feeling a bit groggy from the binges I had the other night on a bottle of Vitamin D. I found hidden under a bed in one of the tents. Wasn't goin' to have a pull, but had heard so much about takin' "a shot" that before I knew where I was the cork was out and I had one and then another. Soon me head began to lift an' I was spittin sparks. Then Bill Lawson, "Panhandle" and Bill Cossil began to sing "Sunshine". That fair broke me up - 'cos, between ourselves, I 'aint been gettin' on too well with me gal and that singin' made me feel kinda sentimental. I staggered up to the hospital to tell Sunshine all about it, but she wasn't there, so I took another "shot". : : : I hung round listenin' to that Orchestra of "Panhandle"s". It sure makes some of the guys in H.Q.'s go haywire - even the Q.M. used some choice language - and Gordon Berry wandered round in his pyjamas. But I like the noise they make on the moss tins with forks, and Bill Lawson on mouthorgan. Course Bill Cossil don't look like Nelson Eddie, but he don't shout out his songs like Jim Craig, and he aint got the looks of "Bunny" Sepnoor, but he and "Panhandle" look like two guys from the badlands way. Y' known, the old time sort, that went in for shootin' Red Indians, robbin' stage coaches and kissin' gals in saloons. I 'aint trying to flatter "Panhandle" - he's a pal of mine - and I reckon the sorta bloke to have round in a tough spot. : : : CAMP'S pretty quiet with all the chaps away on different parts of the island; some of the boys at Con Depot, some at Bourail building the N.Z. Club and some at Transit - this place is getting something like it was at Base before we came here. Maybe I'm gettin' itchy feet. Must snoop round an see these new blokes from 26th Field Coy who have moved in with us. Reckon they oughta have some news of whats happenin' up north. Keep it clean.

## RACING NOTES.

( By Hitch Hiker )

### Shear Guesswork

THE meeting on Monday night should find some fast mokes facing the barrier, with one or two prancing about. Starter Lieut. R. Torrie anticipates some heavy work at the starting post, and he has been building up reserve energy on Vitamin pills and strict training diet. Says he never felt better. An American horse, SNAFU, owned by Capt. G. F. Sudman, comes to the meeting with an aristocratic background - Old Bostonian, I believe. Out of Passing the Buck by G.I. STYLE, he should make a strong appeal to punting Sappers and all Waacs. Another moke that should take some stopping is VITAMIN D, by NO MORE out of IKE. This is likely to be hot favourite, particularly when the memory of that great Sire "IKE" is remembered. : : : WITH nominations still open as we go to press, it is hard to say what nags will make the grade; it seems certain that unsuccessful triers at last meeting will make the grade. If they do not pull off a place at the coming meeting, I would suggest to the owners that they shoot the old crocks - not on the course - immediately after the race. Owner F. Kromast seems to have more than his arm up his sleeve; he has been heard abusing Dozerdust each week-end. Fred is not Judge for this meeting and he hopes his horses will make the distance with the new judge. Owner Peachy refuses to spill the beans beyond an innocent smile. His stable can be relied upon. Release by Manpower out of Army is the farmers favourite and Owners Stokes and Bluck, both well known N.Z. financial figures, are probably cooking up something. Mrs Perkins, an aged mare, very shortsighted and well bandaged has a good background. Out of Dump by Army, she is said to be a trier by Owner Macale. It is rumoured that the OC is backing her heavily. Panhandle out of Air Force, by Miss Fortune is Bill Lawson's choice. Maybe a good nag on a heavy track. Vally Clean out of Laundry by Fing Lowe should be fresh and tidy at the barrier. Trix Robertson, only Waac Owner has a flas filly by the name of Good Hunting nominated. Out of Tailor's Shop by Waac it should make a good showing. Finally, remember, any horse is likely to loose.