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HIGHLIGHTS

MONDAY 17th JULY was to be Pete's big day. Everyone knew it. All election speeches he had cooked in the long years of political promises were Council chats compared with the story he was to let loose on the future of 3rd. Div. Sappers and Sgt. looked to Pete - some anticipated him. But he left them to their own devices. :::: Monday was not to be left pass entirely without meaning. When Pete failed, it was rumoured that Works was to be deprived of all its transport requirements were to be met from American sources, and Sgt. Charles Rye, our worthy NCO i/e of Transport, who had distinguished himself was to be given a pair of autographed running shoes. ::: THIS was soon followed by the story that no further "leave lists" would be issued. All leave had been cancelled. The Div. was practically on the ship. :::: BUT this was too good to last. Works, it was said, was to remain behind and do all the clearing up. This had a most devastating effect on the morale of the troops. S/Sgt. George Aim went off his food for a week. Sgt. Peter Wingfield revived the notion of shooting himself. S/M. Mitchinson tripped over his bottom lip - and Sappers asked for more beer. It was grim. :::: GONOPHONE NEWS rushed a special reporter to the "OLD MAN" who promptly scouted the rumour and said you may tell the troops that :- "Personnel of this UNIT can, without due optimism, and with a degree of confidence depending on their pampermental predilection - look for the silver lining in every cloud when the weather clears and the exigencies of the military, naval and air situation improves and are such that shipping, transport and Government Departments see fit to give substance to the optimism which I feel sure will outweigh any pessimism that may lead to despondent prognostication". :::: OUR reporter thanked the "OLD MAN" for his lucid and far sighted statement which should clarify the future, and, let us add, make this the last time GONOPHONE NEWS will appear in Dozerdust.

NEXT issue of Dozerdust will be a Souvenir iss to our fighting colleagues - 3rd. Div Engineers.

DESPAIR not my sons, though thy days weary thee and thou callest in the night "How Long O Lord?" Remember that thou art in a deep sleep; that the trials and tribulations which rise before you are shadowy images of your dream world. Thou must rest well, my sons, for some day - the Lord knows when - thou mayest awaken. Yea, and thou wilt discover a new world which thou hast made in thy sleep. Let not your hearts be troubled. There is one that looketh over thee in thy slumber. When he bloweth the last trump' all sleepers shall awaken, and march with the great division homeward into the light of day - to return no more to the Isle of Dreams.

WHO was the two-gun man the piquet disturbed the other night?

"Nobby" Clark, one of Wharf's original numbers gained his three stripes without a word reaching Dozerdust. Congratulations, "Nobby"

SCOOP!!!

NEWS flash from Kiwi Club reveals that Sgt. Alex Bowman who is on vacation there was seen hanging over information desk for two hours today. Late reports indicate that cause located in RED HAIR. All attempts made to reach Sgt. Murgatroyd futile. No fears entertained for his safety. (Press Assoc)

DUMBEE : Great disappointment felt in Ward (?) when George Welsh and Eddie Clarke left today for Base Camp. George said to be model patient and Eddie very popular with ladies. (French visitors)

FOR benefit of all customers it is hereby stated that two French customers at Canteen this week paid a special visit to look over Passionate Sapper after shave lotion. The girls were impressed.