

ONE CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL THESE DAYS !!

The local manager of Naia P. & T. refuses to play outdoor badminton, proclaiming to the world at large, "It would spoil a man's play". Out of sympathy our polo expert refuses to ride any of M. de Bechade's rather doubtful horses, --- "A man might develop a heavy hand, what if -- They aren't thoroughbreds, Old Boy."

And for the same reason our "Abyssinian Shepherds" refuse to have any truck with local goats lest they may lose their precision on the home hills.

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FOOLING THE CENSOR:

The censor has a real tough job,
When writing home I do,
We can't say this, we can't say that,
Or out it comes too true.

So now I have a real good scheme,
My writing's home in verse,
And now I use iambic feet,
Poor censor says it's worse.

"Some live on island called Ile ---,
Another some at Naia,
But both our units are not far,
From city called -----.

The weather here today is fine,
And things of interest be,
The Y-----, the planes, the ----fleet,
We're near so we can see.

The aero----- that fly above,
My, what a noise they make,
And when the six ----- guns go off,
They make the whole place -----.

And in our camp, There's many men,
And if you the number guess,
And said 10,000 strong are you?
The answer would be ----.

The grub, the grub, Ah me, the grub,
It's canned as canned can be,
What would we give for steak and eggs,
Not canned, but fresh, for tea."

And now the censor fills his time,
In filling blanks in letters,
And sadly sealing envelope down,
Says "Hope he soon gets better".

William Wordsworth.

(Words worth what ????)

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LOST:

Radio programmes -- sadly missed by 151 Bty personnel.

Finder will be handsomely rewarded by the consequent cheerful disposition shown by all ranks on return.

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"Great friendships, great duties, and noble purposes, make man seem to be part of the very world itself.

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GARDENING NOTES FROM 204 BATTERY:

This battery has for sale, loan or lease, large quantities of choice pansies.

New Zealand stock, clothed in American style.

These pansies, the finest ever to be seen in these parts, first made their debut into the gardening world following the official announcement recently by our overseas show boys, Messrs. Barrow, Clough and Love, etc.

The first official appearance of these gorgeous creations was at the Naval Movie Coy Buckshee Show. Their beauty was greatly enhanced and emphasised by the bleak surroundings and prolific growth of weeds which abound on the adjacent hills.

"Oh, for the wings of a Dove,
To fly right into Noonea,
To tell the "Big Wigs" of our love,
For the clothes we have to wear."

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SPORTS REVIEW -- CRICKET MATCH:

"PRICKLY" (150 Bty) Vs.
"CACTUS" (204 Bty).

CHALLENGE MATCH -- THE FIRST OF A SERIES FOR THE WICKSTEED -- MANDERS PHANTOM MEMORIAL CUP.

The day loomed clear and blue, not a cloud to be seen in the overcast sky.

The pitch, equalled only by LORD'S was in perfect condition. Apart from a dozen ant hills rising two feet above sea level, the bowlers had an uninterrupted view of the batsmen.

The scoring -- "Prickly" 80 against "Cactus" 63 -- was most disappointing as our official tallymen committed the unpardonable sin of falling asleep after the fourth over, thereby losing the game for "Cactus".

This critic feels that to lack comment on the dress of the day would be casting reflections on our "Big Wigs" who like to see the boys dressed as comfortably as possible with the least on that decency allows.

"Cactus" took the field arrayed as per official orders:-- Full web equipment; respirator; side arms; Helmet, steel; and rifle, slung.

"Prickly" batted with even more attention to our national dress:-- Full web equipment; Side arms; 50 rds. of ammo.; water bottle, filled, (with butterfly hum); respirator, at the slung position; Helmet, steel, atop, head; wood; iron rations in course of consumption.

By mutual consent, rifles were not carried while running between the wickets.

It was a great day for the "Pricklies" who earned the unstinted admiration of the "Cactus" for the magnificent manner in which they snatched VICTORY from the throes of DEFEAT.