

# General Waves

BEING SMOKE AND SEA SPRAY  
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## LEAVE

Leave is in the offing, judging by most remarks, the boys will not be sorry to hit port. At the same time we must remember that the Gods have smiled upon us. Think what our shipboard conditions would have been like if we had hit a howling gale on our first day out.

Unfortunately, we have but a short time to stay. ???? will see us come and go and will form its opinion of us by our behaviour. Padre McKenzie gave us a good tip on Sunday. You don't meet the best people in the streets and pubs.

John Dory recommends a spot of sightseeing - transport is provided free by the transport authorities - a little town exploring, and, if you are lucky, a pleasant time with the locals.

The success of our leave will largely depend on luck and the weather. If both are right, remember the old school tie, and don't tie any knots in it.

## WATER RITUAL AGAIN

A combined services competition has been progressing favourably - the senior service leads by one bottle and a headache.

Who was the infantry corporal who was so well fed that he could not shut his mouth.

One unit has a notice - Remove your crockery before you heave - rather thoughtful.

You cannot judge a sausage by its overcoat - although you can usually tell a railwayman.

Prize smile: Dawn came in like a homing husband.

It is learned that the gourmets have reported favourably upon the old liqueur in the Officer's Mess. Perhaps this may have some bearing on the strange behaviour of one officer of the 19th A T Coy who dreamt that the bulldozers had broken adrift and that he was attempting to make fast with a piece of string.

The bulldozers down in the hold  
Are all of them stark and cold  
But (after a bottle) they started to throttle  
An officer noble and bold.

The moral of course is plain  
And human remorse is vain  
If you take one tot, don't make it a lot  
Or nightmare will claim you again.

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## APOLOGY

Ship had a special order to prepare concerning leave. A sudden demand for the duplicator was made, and the production of "Serial Waves" was interrupted. Only 700 copies were printed. If men would like copies of Nos 1 & 2 issues, they should hand in their names to unit circulation clerks.

There will be no issue of "Serial Waves" tomorrow (Staff on leave) or Thursday (Staff recovering from leave).

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We send a word of cheer to the homesick Q.M.S. of the 24th. who was found slumbering peacefully, his kitbag firmly clasped in a loving embrace.

Why is a certain officer growing a moustache before we reach a certain port?.

To our bold Mr Connolly  
John Dory offers sympathy -  
We hear he's in the dumps;  
That throat which on Battalion ground  
Emitted such a martial sound -  
Its full rich tones are gagged and bound  
And it is full of lumps.  
No more his thunderous order rings  
No more to the command he springs -  
But to the nursing sister brings  
His mumps .

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Two serjeants got very wet investigating a peculiar porcelain instrument found in an "A" Deck bathroom.

To the Censor - " You've been reading ma mail " - Pte Fatswallah.

From Ship's Standing Orders : " Police will be posted gaily ... "  
Whatdo ya mean?

We are very pleased to note that the serjeants have shifted their canteen to the rear - the correct place for a serjeant. The added accomodation for the troops is duly appreciated .

Big Dave Robertson is back in D 3 once more after a few days in hospital with 'flu. We extend a hearty welcome to Dave, but wish he had left his accordion at home.

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## CURRENCY

The matter of currency is giving men a bit of worry at present . Two classes particularly are worried - those whose investments on the trip have been unsuccessful are wondering where their's has gone, and the "proprietors" of the boards are wondering what on earth they will do with their N.Z. currency when the voyage is over .

Those persons of Scotch descent who have saved their £2 are worried in case they have interpreted the instruction received in camp re currency too liberally and that the amount was intended only for spending on board ship, and not to be hoarded up to be spent to better advantage at our destination.

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" NOR ANY DROP TO DRINK "

If fresh water you waste  
As we waste ink  
One day you'll search  
In vain, for a drink .

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"Psyche" has 1 copy of spots of interest in ???????? & ???????? ( certain ports) available to any interested soldier, also 29999 copies of local hotels etc . Please apply early .

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Congratulations to Pte W.A. Griffin for his forethought in paying for three issues of " Serial Waves " .

At 11 o'clock today Britain entered on the 2nd year of war, in which, as a united nation, she took up arms to defend those principles of international conduct upon which the peace prosperity and happiness of all peoples depend, and to which the whole ideology of Nazi-ism stands opposed. The first year of war has brought many disappointments from a military point of view, but far from being disheartened or dismayed, the British people start a 2nd year of hostilities with their confidence confirmed and their determination even more set than 12 months ago. Within a week of the outbreak the War Cabinet made the famous decision to "base their policy on the assumption that the war will last for 3 years or more". That declaration has been justified again and again by events. Knowledge that it was based on a fundamentally and essentially true appraisal of factors underlying the strength of Britain and the weakness of the Nazis won for it the approval of our whole people and the thought of it has brought renewed faith in every crisis. It found its last echo 14 days ago in the speech of the Prime Minister. "Our offensive springs are being slowly compressed and we must resolutely and methodically prepare ourselves for the campaigns of 1941 & 1942 - campaigns which, as he remarked later, would be by no means exclusively defensive. The confidence of Britain and the Empire at the start of another year is not the result, in many, of obstinate complacency, but arises from a reasoned conviction that Hitler's Blitzkrieg was always one confined to war on land and in the air and that established British sea power and potential air power confronted him with difficulties which could not be overcome by lightning strokes. The unchallenged supremacy of the Royal Navy, and the quality of the R & F .... will give to every British man and woman the assurance of final victory. The Nazis have exhausted the advantage which careful concentrated preparation for aggression gave to the German military forces. They are now faced with the irresistably growing strength which Britain has summoned for their overthrow, behind which stands the faith of all the British Nations of the world.

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CANADIAN PRESS NEWS      SEPT 3rd

LONDON..... London had three air raid alarms by late Sunday as the Royal Air Force striking hard at Nazi invaders on the wars anniversary downed 22 of them and drove others from Britain's skies. A check of Saturday's air fighting over England showed 85 German planes downed. We lost 37 planes but pilots of 25 of them are safe. Authorities announced that one thousand workers homes and seaside boarding houses were wrecked August 24 at Ramsgate when 500 German bombs were dropped. Casualties were reported few.

LONDON..... Royal Air Force extending its operations near and in Berlin bombed an airplane engine factory, an airdrome and lighting installations at the German capital. Oil tanks, industrial targets and various military objectives including airdromes were bombed in other parts of Germany and the Netherlands .

It is announced in an Admiralty communique that a sloop, H M S Penzance has been torpedoed by a U-Boat and sank .

LONDON .....British ship taking 320 children and an unannounced number of passengers to Canada was torpedoed by a submarine the Ministry of Information announced, but the only casualty was the ship's purser who died from a fall into a lifeboat. The children sang as they took to the boats. Lifeboat drill which they had received aboard was credited with cheating Hitler's underwater warfare of a new list of innocent victims.

BUCHAREST..... Disorders developed extensively as thousands of Rumanians shouting " fight the Hungarians " joined in violent demonstrations against the German Italian award handing over Northern Transylvania to Hungary. Guards with machine Guns prevented crowds assaulting King Carol's palace.

British war communique issued at G H Q Cairo today states that on all fronts there is nothing of importance to report.