

# SERIAL WAVES

BEING SMOKE AND SEA SPRAY  
FROM

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## SPOTS OF INTEREST ON BOARD

The Broadcasting Unit

By Doug Laurenson .

Situated in a particularly choice position, outside the Ship's Orderly Room where the eagle eye of authority can watch us night and day, stands that model of modern architecture, " The Broadcasting Unit."

If we have done nothing else on board, we of the broadcasting service feel that we have done a certain amount by giving the troops plenty to talk about .Occasionally, when we are writing or quietly working inside our recording unit, we hear odd comments floating in from the troops outside .

One corporal is convinced that we have nothing to do with broadcasting or recording . He once saw a piecart in Auckland which was similar in appearance, so----we are without doubt a perambulating piecart to tickle the jaded appetites of the boys overseas .

Another has the idea that the broadcasting side of our work is pure bluff .He is certain that ours is a luxurious caravan, and that we ourselves are merely glorified tourists with a tremendous political pull .

But to get down to brass tacks, it might be as well to take this chance of letting everyone on board know something of what we hope to do .

First of all, our name is somewhat misleading in that we will not be broadcasting in the accepted sense of the term .Primarily we are a recording unit, designed for the express purpose of making permanent recordings of every possible phase of life on board this Transport, and, what is more important, overseas .

On our arrival at our destination - ??? (and if any of you know where that will be we wish you would tell us ), we will be attached to base . From there we hope to be permitted to attach ourselves for several days at a time to individual units .During the time we live with your different sections, we will constantly be making recordings telling N Z how you work, how you live, how you play, and what you do .Should we be with any unit when it goes into action, as complete a description as possible will be recorded in the field, and this news will ultimately be heard over every broadcasting station in N Z .

Actually, arrangements have been made for every National and Commercial Station to give the fullest publicity to recordings sent home .In your Army life you will constantly come up against all sorts of difficulties in connection with your job .We anticipate quite a few headaches ourselves, particularly in the matter of getting our news back to N Z in the very shortest time .

If we happen to be working near a powerful radio station, our troubles will be few, because once our recorded commentaries are passed by Army Censor, it will be only a matter of a few seconds before our story is received in N Z and recorded there. But our difficulties will arise when we have some really first rate up to the minute material to send home, and we find ourselves maybe hundreds of miles away from any radio station . However, we will have to meet that when it comes, but we do feel that by telling the folks at home how you are getting on, and by occasionally putting individual troops on the air to send their personal messages to their families, so that we will have been able to shorten the thousands of miles that separate us from our homes .

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" How nice your moustache looks Mac "

" Yes most of the lads are growing them "

But tell me, how do they get that silky smoothness?

Ah! use M A S S A G E N E

A Mo's greatest friend .

(advt)

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## S U M M O N S

NEPTUNE, By the Grace of Mythology Lord of the Waters, Sovereign of all the Oceans, Governor and Lord High Admiral of all the Seas, etc., etc., etc.

Whereas it has pleased Us to convene a Court to be holden on board Transport No 12 N Z E F on the afterdeck thereof at the hour of 1345 hrs.

By these presents We summon you :- The Novices of the 3rd Echelon, to appear at the said Court to tender Us the usual homage and be initiated into the Mystic Rites according to the Ancient Usages of Our Kingdom.

Hereof nor you nor any of you may fail, as you will answer at you dire peril.

Given at Our Court on the Equator this day of September in the one thousand nine hundred and fortieth year of Our Watery Reign.

NEPTUNE REX.

## NAVAL MESSAGE

TO :

FROM :

EQUATOR W/T STATION

Following received from H M King Neptune begins.  
Information has been received from M I C ( Mermaid Intelligence centre ) that Transport No 12 under your command will shortly be entering Our Domain. It is understood that many members of your crew have not been received at Our Royal Court and you are hereby commanded to warn and prepare such members for their initiation into Our Most Noble and Extremely Ancient Order, Neptune, Ends.

## NAVAL MESSAGE

TO :

FROM :

EQUATOR W/T STATION FOR H M KING NEPTUNE.

All old friends send greetings and humble duty to your Majesty. It is anticipated that many soldiers under my command will cross the half-way line of Your Watery Kingdom on Wednesday and full forty fine tender novices await their initiation into the mysteries of the deep by Your Royal Boars.

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## WATER RITUAL SWELTERS

A certain amount of sunburn has been reported in the near vicinity.

The C P S Sisters are sorry to hear that so many Officers are out of circulation - if they've had bad takes - well - aha!

To the Adj. - what does one put in one's haversack in case of emergency - it all depends upon the emergency.

All good gifts come from above - ours seem to come from below - its a gift.

Subalterns should not try to talk Australian to the Australians - one tried it on leave - " That's not the way to say it, sir " - was the sub's face red?

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Have the two Irish Quarter Blokes decided yet as to which end of Ireland we should land.

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## CONCERT

Last night's entertainment for troops was arranged by members of the Group 3 NZE joined by the 19th A Tps Coy, the 14th and 15th Forestry Coys and the Ship's orchestra. It had been hoped to publish a full review, but unfortunately space forbids. Suffice it to say that the programme was a good one and was much appreciated.

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## WAVELETS

Can we ascribe the statement by Pte Pullthrough that he has seen a Mermaid to the potency of Red Band.

It is noted that in the times set down for use of the swimming bath the only time when costumes must be worn is when Nurses and Officers have use of the bath together. We approve.

## LATEST WAR NEWS

Enemy ports, shipping and barge concentrations were heavily attacked by the R A F yesterday and last night, according to an Air Ministry communique which states "Yesterday, in the course of routine reconnaissances, R A F bombers attacked shipping in ports of Dunkirk and Boulogne and convoys in the North Sea . Five of our aircraft are missing . Last night in spite of severe weather conditions over the Continental coast line strong forces of our bombers carried out operations against the enemy and enemy occupied ports, barge concentrations and shipping . Bremen, Emden, Ostend, Calais and Boulogne were visited . Widespread damage was done to oil tanks and ammunition stores . Eight of our aircraft failed to return."

Recent successful activities of British submarines in the Mediterranean are disclosed in an Admiralty Communique which states : 2 British submarines operating in Mediterranean waters are adding considerably to the Italian High Command's difficulties in keeping its army in Libya supplied . H M Submarine " Osiris " has sunk an Italian supply ship of about 3000 tons . H M Submarine "Rorqual" has attacked a convoy of two ships loaded with supplies escorted by one destroyer . "Rorqual's" torpedoes sank both Italian supply ships .

The British War Communique issued today from G H Q Cairo states : " Egypt - Yesterday Matruh was again raided by enemy aircraft causing some damage and casualties. Kenya - One of our patrols entered Abyssinia and advanced to Corai where it engaged a strong force of Banda and inflicted casualties . Bura was bombed by enemy aircraft causing little damage and no casualties . Sudan and Palestine - nothing to report .

The present month is regarded in informed quarters as probably the most critical period of war . Having suffered considerable losses in daylight air attacks the Nazis now appear to be concentrating on night bombing attacks on London, carried out with a smaller number of planes but with a higher degree of success . The attacks of the last two nights were probably assisted by the only successful day attack - that of Saturday afternoon - when some of the German air force succeeded in reaching London, but only at a very great loss . London, however as well as other centres of highly concentrated population, must face the certainty of night bombings . It is pointed out that the interception problem of night bombings is not yet solved although British experts are hopeful of finding a satisfactory answer before the Germans are able to do so . Taking last night's raids as an example authoritative circles explain that the task encountered by the defence - both the interceptor and ground squads - in finding their opponent, flying in darkness at a great height at three hundred miles an hour, is obviously very difficult . Meanwhile it is asserted that an efficient blackout is the best defence .

This afternoon His Majesty The King visited the areas in London which have been most heavily bombed . He watched firemen playing hoses on still burning buildings . Later the King drove to a road where a huge bomb had struck and completely destroyed eight houses . The King clambered up a pile of debris . Dirt begrimed A R P Workers were still searching here for bodies and one man showed the King a big piece of bomb. The King saw many other buildings, including a large bomb-proof shelter, which, he was told, had moved one yard as a result of a bomb explosion but which had not fallen down .

The first air raid warning in the London area today sounded at 1710 and all clear was given an hour and a quarter later . Some bombs were dropped and enemy raiders, which appeared to be few in number were heavily engaged by A A fire and by fighters. So far no official information is available regarding damage done or the numbers of enemy aircraft destroyed . A second warning was sounded at 2045 .

The Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security Communique says " It is now known that during last night three enemy aircraft were shot down by our A A guns, making a total of eleven aircraft in all destroyed yesterday. Fuller reports show that in Saturday's actions 28 enemy aircraft in all were destroyed by A A fire and 75 by our fighters, making a total of 103 destroyed that day . Preliminary reports on this evening's raid show that 26 enemy aircraft have been destroyed. 24 by our fighters and 2 by A A fire . 13 of our fighters are missing but 3 pilots are safe .

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