

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 .

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 ?

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

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 .

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 .