

# SERIAL WAVES

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## SPORTS SHORTS

Yesterday, thanks to the various Company Commanders on the Ship, all ranks were able to spend most of the day at the Ship's Championship Sports.

We were treated to some fine Boxing & Wrestling, apart from the swimming events, which were enjoyed by all.

In the bouts of the morning, the first was a welter weight between Al Stock, former N Z professional Lightweight Champion, who fought E Razey, but Stock's ability told, and he won with a technical K O. In the next bout W A Ritchie beat C Currie. J L Wilson beat A L Cockburn on points. In the semi-finals of this weight a bout that aroused the enthusiasm of the onlookers was the one between Al Stock and W A Ritchie who stood toe to toe for two rounds. Stock eventually disqualified, later Stock was admitted to Ship's Hospital suffering from burnt feet, having boxed in bare feet in the last contest.

Cpl Bourne was a crowd pleaser, and soon had the nickname Ginger pinned on him. In his first fight he fought J Pasco and was one of the highlights of the day. Another bout finished - Pasco's lack of wind told on him and the decision went to Bourne.

Another boxer who showed that he had been in the ring before was Cpl Hepburn who won his first fight from E Coe. In the Lightweight division in the elimination stage J McDonald won the decision from J O Smith. Another lad who has had some experience in this weight was J McAlpine who won an easy bout with J T Smith. In this weight J O Smith in his bout with J McDonald had the misfortune to dislocate his arm and the bout had to be stopped. Another crowd pleaser ??? in the Light-Heavy was Sjt Chandler who did very well and reached the Finals in spite of the crowd and was beaten by Cpl Bourne. Cpl Bourne is a nephew of the famous Jimmy (Ironbark) Haggerty, who cleaned up the whole Convoy in 1914.

D Coy of the 24th provided a duel between Pte White and Paddy Ryan and although this looked as if it would develop into something it was stopped owing to Ryan receiving and eye injury. White in the afternoon fought 2 fights and reached the Final in which he fought A Marshall who proved very fast on his feet, and he plucked one from nowhere and White did not see it. The Referee counted the usual 10.

The chaps who took part in the contests must be admired for the number of contests they had to fight and on such a sweltering day. Cpl Bourne who gave such a good account of himself, has held Canterbury titles in the Light-heavy and Heavyweight divisions besides being the N Z Champion in 1934. He fought Maurice Strickland in 1931 and represented Canterbury at Rugby in 1933/4. Nice work, Ginger. Cpl Hepburn, who was seen a lot, represented South Auckland at the N Z Championships.

Cpl W G Muir who was in the ring but as a Referee and not a competitor was Light-heavyweight Australasian Champion 1934, but met his Waterloo the following year at the hands of a sailor - Dennis Lindsay. A hand injury kept him out of it yesterday.

J McAlpine was Lightweight Champion of Hawkes Bay and runner up in the Auckland Champs last year. A Marshall is another well known Auckland amateur.

SHIP'S CHAMPIONSHIPS      Open & Open Heavyweight - Cpl Bourne  
                                    Lighthouse Champion - Cpl Bourne  
2nd Ship's Champion Middleweight - J N Walker      Welter Weight Champion - A Marshall  
                                    Lightweight Champion - J Mc Alpine.

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ATHLETICS      Final 75 Yds - 1 Mathewson (19 A T) 2 Waller (14 For) 3 Opie (24 Auck)  
Final - Hop, Step, & Jump - 1 Rickett (24 Auck) 2 Stranger J P (24 Auck) 3 Penny (16ROC)  
Final - Long Jump - 1 H Smith (24 Auck) 2 P E Haddock (24 Auck) 3 Penny (16ROC) &  
Handcock.

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## SPORTS SHORTS - Continued.

## WRESTLING

The wrestling also provided a few thrills for those who watched the bouts, the highlight of the day being the Semi-final of the Light-heavy, between Harris & Spice, which proved easily the best bout.

The Championships resulted in wins for the following :-

Light Heavyweight Champion - Pte I Harris (24 Auck)

Lightweight Champion - Sjt Braddocks, Welterweight Champion - Spr Eade (15 For)

Middleweight Champion - Pte Mendes (24 Auck) Heavyweight Champion - Pte I Harris (24 Auck)

## APPRECIATION

Our greatest appreciation & thanks to those Officers & men who so willingly gave their services to the organisation & running of all the sports that have been held on the Ship. We all realise how much time & work they have had to put in to make the show the success it has been, so all we can say is :- THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.

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## A LETTER HOME

(TUNE - "Wrap me up in my old Stable Jacket")

Dear Mum,

We're at sea on a transport -  
The boys think it rather good fun -  
The transport's the same as we left on;  
The Censors on board must be dumb.

(Chorus) A soldier leads mostly a dog's life  
He works hard from daylight till dark  
And from four until five is the one time  
He ever gets off for a lark.

Our medical wallahs are frightful,  
They scratch and they stab quite a lot -  
I've ached with their damned vaccination,  
I've swooned on the deck with tet prop.

The nurses on board here are swell, dear,  
There's Andy and Cally with stripes -  
It's the truth, dear, (you'll never believe it)  
There's one girl in kilts plays the pipes.

We recently held an inspection  
Of privates and N C Os too -  
I'll bet had the officers been there  
The quacks would have found one or two.

One Shuttleworth, dear, is the Colonel,  
Of course he should be in this song  
But I can't find a rhyme for his name, dear,  
I guess, dear, it's just too too long.

The nurs'ry is filled now with measles -  
It's surely a childish complaint,  
But with mumps complications it's different -  
A picture no artist could paint.

The ----- drew alongside, dear,  
We at least thought there must be a  
Boche,  
When the rocket came hurtling across, dear,  
It only contained old Bill's watch.

(Sorry, but you should know  
better than to mention the  
name of a ship - Censor.)

The day that this damned war is over  
Will be most eventful for me,  
With my fingers to nose at the Colonel,  
And Duigan, Sir John, G O C .

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LONDON Reports up to 7.30 P M show 73 enemy planes destroyed by R A F, 17 of our planes being lost. Bombs have damaged property near St Paul's, but the Cathedral itself is safe. Shattering blasts rocked big buildings in the heart of the city as bombers heaped destruction. Raids on Saturday & Sunday are estimated to have killed 600 and wounded nearly 3000.

TOKYO Jap Press declares that Jap Govt is determined to pursue its policy in Indo-China regardless of opposition from Britain & U S A. Another Jap paper fears that American concern will lead to an embargo on petrol & scrap iron.

LONDON Mr. CHURCHILL, broadcasting to the Nation, warns of determination with which Nazis are pursuing their plans for the invasion of Britain. The Germans' effort to secure daylight mastery of the air was the crux of the war - and so far had conspicuously failed, at a cost in German losses which they could not afford to continue.

Nevertheless, all preparations for the invasion of Britain were steadily going forward. Several hundred self-propelled barges are being moved to French ports, while convoys of merchant ships dodge from port to port under the protection of German guns. Large bodies of German troops stand ready. The next week or two is the critical period. This period will rank with the day when Drake was finishing his game of bowls, with the time when Nelson stood on guard over the Channel. Every man will do his duty, with special pride and care. Our fighting forces on the seas, in the air, in our waiting armies and our civilian population, in all their posts and stations, concluded Mr. CHURCHILL, are a people who will not flinch or weary of the struggle, hard and protracted though it will be, and we shall draw from the heart of suffering itself a victory, not only for ourselves, but a security the length and breadth of which, as yet, cannot be foreseen.

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#### WHERE CAN WE DRAW THE LINE?

Father Neptune was not the only one who came aboard yesterday - did anyone see the goat?

Ship's Q M S is S/Sjt D. Jones - He keeps the locker!

What Ho - The tawny Neptune arrives, 'mid fanfare of trumpets. It was a hot day, but not hot enough to keep the boys from Mt. Olympus away - though no nymphs accompanied the Patriarch.

Pa Neptune's rooters made a judicious selection from those present. Capt Anderson, 19 Army Troop, was first to bite the dust. Sister Anderson and Sister Allen, in quaint native attire, graced the baptismal font.

Amongst those present were :- Major Mantell-Harding, boyishly resistant, Colonel Sage, rampant, Mr. King, pugnacious, Mr. Boyer, docile, Mr. Carnachan, expectant, Mr. Laurie, underwares, the R S M, fighting, Pte Joe Crossen, unconquerable.

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Did the O C enjoy the light fantastic dance by the Serjeant in the corridor?

LOST - 1 x 30 Piastre piece. This has sentimental value, having been carried by the present owner's brother throughout the last war. Will finder please return to G. Turner, 4745, Hospital (Reward)

COUNTRY MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE : Our old friends Web & Zeb, the Storekeepers, are in business at No 2 Hold. NO TICK GIVEN.

Overheard near a lumber camp on A Dock : Officer - "What are you doing, George?" George - "Nothing, Sir." Officer - "What are you doing, Bill?" Bill - "Helping George, Sir."

"Lay my head beneath a rose", warbled a serjeant. John Dory suggests a steam roller.

Who is the ex Prime Minister of England who puts the numbers on the meat tickets?

APOLOGY :- There is ONE Australian subaltern on board who DOES speak the lingo.

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