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"Last with the latest always"

EDITORIAL

The time has arrived for an explanation. A doubt rapidly developing to a fear is present in our circle. The fear is that every man in Div. Engs. will in the near future be torn away from his comrades and sent back to New Zealand on a course. The scare has been fostered by the fact that officers and sergeants, without any 'by your leave' have been forced to go. When your Editor was discussing the war situation with the G.O.C. recently this feature was introduced. Your Editor was informed that all ranks must be prepared to forgo the luxury and social life of their camps. No aspect of the mens feelings could be taken into consideration and they would have to go whether they liked it or not. Now we ask --- is it justice? is it fair? Are the rank and file men who know their jobs, to be treated as ordinary officers and sergeants and sent home in disgrace for further tuition. Are we MICE or are we MEN ???...

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MESS PARADES..By the CHIEF SLUSHY

LESSON 2..The movement forward will be by a series of short steps lifting the feet cleanly off the ground to a height of 4 1/2". Any attempt at intimacy will be rigidly suppressed. When the third man in front has received his meal the man will place his meat plate in the right hand and the dessert plate in the left hand. While the second man in front is being served the plates will be raised to a mean height of 8" above serving counter level. Any remarks as to the legitimacy of the cook or retorts as to the coming of pregnancy by the sapper will be abolished. Likewise will caustic rejoinders as to the mans ability to go through the preparatory stages of a gallinaceous for roasting. It must at all times be remembered that at one time the cook was also a man. When the food is placed upon the plates a sweet smile to the cook goes a long way to brighten his day. A comment as to the food not being fit for pigs being entirely false....it is.. End of LESSON 2..

ODD ODES

Son Tom
Had a pip
Never got
NZ trip
One's odd
I declare
'Nother pip
Now a pair

CONGRATS.....

Down on the creek
Where nobody goes
They built a bridge
Why nobody knows.
Was in it jest
And really good fun
Or was it a test
For the day of the gun

SCORE-DOERS HANDICAP

For week ending 8 May 1943
Spr.HARRISON.....21 points
Spr.MATCHETT.....18 "
Spr.FELL..... 6 "
Spr.CAMMS.you have been
warned.....

QUESTIONS OF THE HOUR

Are you a friend of the cooks
Who won the sports ?
Did we need a searchlight ?
Did you have a chop today ?
Have you been exposed to in-
fection ?
Who built the roadhouse ?
At last...THE BRIDGE ?
Who pinched Wee Macs belt ?
Where was Joseph when the
flag went up ?

PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS

Spr.BELL.R. The DOF Award
For his gallant efforts to
join the wreckers association
Spr.ALIANSON.L. P.A.N.E.
Passed the examination for
the glasscutters union.
Spr.ANDERSON.T. Buck Private
Mess orderly extraordinary
To be retained on the staff.
as coach.
Spr.HARRISON.W. B?B?
To attend first course by
Spr.ANDERSON.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER IS PUBLISHED AS AN INDICATION
OF WHAT IS GOING ON WHILE WE ARE AWAY FIGHTING.???????????

DEAR SIR.My husband was induced into the surface long months
ago and I aint received no pay sense he was gone.Please send
me my elcpe ment as I have a four months old baby & he is my
only suport & I kneed it every day to buy food & keep enclose
I am a poor woman & all that I have is at the front.Both
sides of my parents is very old & I cant suspect anything of
them as my mother has been in bed with one docter and she
went take another.My husband is in charge of a spiteon.Do I
get more than I'm going to get.Please send me a letter & tell
me if my husband made application for a wife & child & please
send me a wife form to fill out..Very truly....Mrs P.PINN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Sir..I crave a little space in which to express a few thoughts regarding our Roadhouse which at the time of my writing is to be opened in the near future.Charmingly informal as it shyly nestles in its slowly swinging palms, this oasis of romance must surely become the mecca for all road travellers wearily wandering up this desert isle.Being only forty-five stones throws from the road,the sumptuous comfort provided by an open-air beer garden as well as really cold drinks taken in typically N.Z.uncomfortable little stalls will bring just that heart warming touch of home to the tropical paradise.I feel Sir that the world is indebted to the great and inimitable Joe Kaiser for the zealous and spectacular way in which he has brought this tremendous achievement.to a triumphant conclusion...

Signed..KRIPT...

ONE TO OWEN

We've a George and a George;And a Bob and a Bob;
Now a Ken and a Ken makes three pairs
Plus a Pat. and a Pat;And a fowl and a fowl;
We almost can put on some airs.
Now lets give three cheers or sink several beers,
To the day which maybe will dawn;
To a wondering world in our midst will be hurled;
One more Ockey complete with-his-scene

LOCAL NEWS

A committee has been set up to investigate the rapid soil erosion on the eastern bank of the river where it passes the tent lines..

A new horror has reared its ugly head in the sappers life. This takes the form of stationary trucks being backed into by other unit drivers.

A new association is in the process of being formed in the camp.Known as the 'Cooks Clique' it permits members to eat in the cookhouse and to receive the best selection of the rations and the finest cuts of the meat before the rank and file are fed.

At the time of going to press we are told that the Div Engs expect to create a furor with their representatives at the sports meeting to be held this Saturday..