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EDITORIAL.

An appeal should be made to the Army and Civil authorities with a view to settling the mosquito menace. When we volunteered for army service and later applied to be transferred to New Caledonia we were told that we were heroes; Of what are heroes made? Achilles was a hero, but had a fatal weakness, his heel. So it is with us. We have our heels, excluding for the moment the rank and file, and in these heels our evident pests. There are two methods by which the question can be settled. Firstly..Treat the mosquito with cold disdain. Be completely oblivious of his advances and show by your actions that his presence is not wanted. The mosquito is sensitive to ridicule and uncharitableness and if his rushes and best efforts are replied to by comments of not even having noticed them he will eventually retire looking very red and uncomfortable. If however you find he is the small pin pricking type that eventually gets under your skin the next scheme is suggested. This is the education of the mosquito..Text books tell us that the mosquito is active only between the hours from sunset to sunrise. Now.. the average mosquito is not aware of this. but continues through the daylight hours. Could not a school be set up for the education of the mosquito. Fair play and social ethics could be of necessity be drilled into him and definite hours of activity arranged. A splendid suggestion would be perhaps to make the school a night school; Say from 6pm to 11pm by which time we could all be safely under our nets...

LOCAL NEWS.

Spr. GEORGE, BOUGEN can take a fair amount of pin-pricking, but of needle pricking George was heard to say "it gets under my skin and I go cold all over".  
S/Sgt. GARDNER and Cpl. VELLE are attending a jungle course. Their form and nature make them strangely suitable for such education an effort by the editor to look up their family tree was only successful to the point of being showered by nuts.  
Spr. MCKENZIE (Wee Mac) was seen recently drinking a liquid one evening which upon examination proved to be water..