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EDITORIAL

Once again the peace and tranquility of our camp is to be desecrated by the metley throng of seekers after knowledge. Once again will our hitherto phlegmatic Ockey raise his tear-filled eyes and gesticulating arms to the heavens and mouth curses and maledictions upon the heads of the company ration corporals. Once again the cooks will ferret among the growing piles of discarded rations to produce weird and wonderful concoctions such as the eyes of man have never seen before. Once again will the comfort-loving members of HQs show their appreciation of all things by their ululant cries. Yet, bombs by any other name are still bombs, and so must be lectured on. Far be it from us to dictate the policy of the Engineers, though we rest content in the knowledge that we can do so. We would concede in all generosity that bombs, whether disposed to be bombs or bombs to be disposed, are still bombs; and come under the heading of dangerous, -bloody dangerous. Yet the instructors from New Zealand manage, by guile and pretence, to lure keenly ambitious young officers, commission-seeking sergeants, three-stripe-seeking corporals and pleasure-seeking sappers to the School of Bombing. Whether it be the suave charm of the Big-Chief instructor, or the naive spoutings of his lowly assistant we do not presume to state; but whatever it be that emanates the lure, ... they come, ... they learn, ... they forget. It gives one a cause to wonder at the fascination of toying with fate. Is it the careless laugh of heroes who do and die of whom we read but never see? is it the long awaited chance to visit the home and shrine of Engineers HQ? is it a misguided faith in the knowledge of the instructors' skill? or have they just been told to come ???

Tender Tuesday was the 13 th July for it marked the birthday of your Editor. Thanks are still being expressed to the Doctor and Nurse. The seven days have long since elapsed and visitors are welcome at the home. Please bring a bottle.