

it should have been.

With a deep admiration for the perfection of a difficult job that involves skill and self sacrifice, the rest of the ship salutes them.

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WARD "B" - SCANDAL COLUMN

The "sweets" were much nicer than the musty chocolate .. thank you, Captain Prosser. We will clean the Ward up even better next time ("next" time is just after Hogmany so we will have to trust to luck and not to good management.)

Congratulations to "Steve" Sainsbury on his win in the Maunganui Stakes. It only goes to show that 60 is too young an age at which to grant a pension - after all, from his waist up he is still able-bodied.

Before Matron attends the next Carol Concert we think that Sister (Charge) Sexton ought to teach her the "dumb" part of the deaf and dumb language.

Next week's effort will be really hot.

"Marmion" has recently raised her very ugly head again. (Yes Sir! No Sir!)...Sir. Walter, this is the unkindest cut of all..... et tu Pirie!!

Irish Paratrooper Mahoney wants to be alone. For meditation he insists upon getting to the seat of the matter. However there is no such thing as privacy - locked doors present no obstacle to that Night Washerwoman (sorry, Nightwatchwoman!!) Airey, and Night Hawke-by-name-and-Hawke-by-nature (call me 'beaky' for short).

Dark clouds of anger are LOOMING in the Junior Loonies.

We note that there is a Text hanging in the Occupational Threepenny - it reads "Down with drink" -- we agree.

The Sister of Ward "D" ("D" for Dirt) should not (R) NOT leave her ward during Matron's Rounds. It's awful to be caught red-handed.

It WAS suggested that members of Dirty Corner were not quite "top-drawer". They agree, "bottom drawer" WAS very much nicer. Any clues, Sister Molloy??

There are some things that even Colonel Shaw can't wait for (no Salmon Cans here you know). Please Judd -- do hurry up a little bit -- an hour or two is all right - but not ALL night.

Kuspidor Kelly of Carbuncle fame (he's got lots and lots and heaps and heaps more growing very nicely just now). We know you want to go to sleep at 0430 - so do we. Please, please don't shout it all over the ship. Some of us are dreadfully sick. Kelly's eyes are NOT No. 1 these days.

One more thing - Do 7 kitbags and one steam roller (secreted in Observation) constitute a Disorderly House?

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Headlines of Scottish newspaper:
Terrible accident. 52 casualties;
16 killed, 36 injured, when two taxis
collide. - D Ward - H.E.G. -

Is it true that Housey Announcer (L/Cpl Langdon) is to be employed as the Ship's Foghorn in the English Channel?

- "In The Mist" -

MEET THESE PEOPLE VI

I always think of Mr. Grimm
Who wrote the fairy tales
When e'er I see the figure trim
Of little "Bubber Tails".

VII

A man of war is Colonel Shaw
R.A. (of Stanley fame):
So have a care, don't use the chair
That's labelled with his name.

"Miss Prius"
ALEXANDER TURNBULL
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DEDICATED TO THE KIWI'S RUGBY
TEAM TOURING THE U.K.

Over the seas and far away
A Rugby team is in U.K.
Members of a Kiwi race
Who get about from place to place.

They come both bold and unafraid
To show how Rugby should be played
To take the wind out of their sails
Is the intense desire of Wales.

And now this match is drawing near;
On January 6 we'll hear
The verdict and we hope they'll say
The better team has won the day.

- Taffy - Ward B -