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EDITORIAL . . .

The Executive are in the process of revising the rules of the Marlborough RSA in line with the latest Model Rules produced by the NZRSA, approved by the Licensing Control Commission and Registrar of Incorporated Companies.

One of the major changes likely to be included in our future rules is the admission of "Service" members to Marlborough RSA and full details of this class of membership can be found elsewhere in this edition of Crossfire. We have completed a drive to increase membership by writing to all eligible returned servicemen in arrears of subscription and have placed advertisements in the local press inviting any returned persons not already members to consider joining now.

Why, you might ask, this drive for members? The answer is simple and straightforward and has been mentioned many times in Crossfire — Father Time is taking his toll of members and inflation is pushing up the cost of everything associated with the operation of our club. One answer is to increase membership so that there are more subscriptions coming in, higher bar turnover and more raffle tickets bought; our three main sources of income.

Our tidying-up work to try and enrol every returned serviceman has to date built up paid subscription membership to 1383 as against 1320 who were paying members at December, 1979 — an increase of 63 members, but we lose about this number annually to Father Time.

NZRSA are still busy battling on our behalf with the Licensing Control Commission for the admission of spouses to membership as of right and is also looking at recommendations for the admission of sons and daughters. However, this is likely to be a long battle and the outcome uncertain.

If we do decide to open up our membership to "Service" members after obtaining approval from NZRSA to do so, we will also require the approval of our members at a General Meeting convened for that purpose. Start thinking about the situation now so that you can vote with a clear understanding of all the implications.

— MISSING —

Hardback green book, "Swiftly They Strike," No. 4 Commando. Please return as soon as possible to Paddy Nolan.

NEW MEMBER
V79093 G. D. POPE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

June was a very busy month, especially with the Dominion conference on the 9th to 11th. It was interesting to listen to some excellent speakers who cover every field related to RSA activities.

It is apparent that the question of opening up the membership is a vexed and contentious one. I am only pleased that we are not in the position of having it forced on us yet. A lot of thought is going to have to be put into the subject.

Another question which is demanding a lot of thought is the Agent Orange issue. When facts emerge that of 53 Vietnam Veterans who replied to a questionnaire circulated by Wellington RSA, over 50% (27) said that some form of disability to their family or themselves had occurred. It will be some time before conclusions are reached, but the RSA are watching the situation carefully.

Paul Brodie, Eric Bishell and myself, as your official delegates, along with Jim Maxwell of Picton, who was an observer, attended the seminar on chartered clubs. A lot of knowledge was gained and will start to filter through, and should be of great benefit to both Picton and ourselves.

During the conference our ladies were royally entertained and our thanks go to all concerned. Special thanks have gone to Bill Herewini, president of the Porirua RSA, who hosted our ladies on a coach trip and lunch at their newly-appointed premises. Just as an aside, Paul Brodie had a dozen or so Crossfire magazines and we gave these to a few people who we met at the conference. Great interest was shown and one or two are going to try to foster the idea when they get back to their respective associations. On June 16 I had the pleasure of visiting the Vets on their afternoon outing. They seemed to be having a most enjoyable time and the ladies section really do a splendid job in looking after their needs. We are all grateful to them. While on that subject, our thanks go to Geordie Carlisle who does a great job with transport for the vets.

Our social committee under the guidance of Mr Ian Glass ran a successful cabaret on the 21st and all who attended know what a great night it was. When the next ones come around I would suggest you get in early to book a ticket or you may be disappointed and miss out.

Mr Glass has also been given the go-ahead for a trial period of music in the lounge. Depending on how much support he receives it could be a continuing thing. How about giving it a go and bring your wife/husband, partner and friends along? He will no doubt give you some notice.

Some of you will have seen the advert that was inserted in the local paper concerning eligible returned servicemen who have not taken advantage of joining the association or, for various reasons have let their membership lapse. It was the brainchild of our secretary/manager and the executive considered it would be an ideal way of bringing in new members, or old members back into the fold.

Let's face it, an addition to our numbers will perhaps make the dawning day of increasing our membership further away.

RON HEMMING

EXCERPTS FROM JULY EXECUTIVE MEETING

Appeal for assistance with toy library from Salvation Army received. Widows' Xmas gifts purchased in advance of projected cost increases. Schoolboy gardeners continuing useful work. Radiogram to be purchased. Light over TV to be purchased. Double amputee to be assisted by purchase of

car equipment to enable him to drive. Bulk supply of sherry purchased in anticipation of 41c per litre increase. Laurie Brooks retires on August 23. Housie attendance tapering off. Cabaret realised a profit of \$62. Ken Pitman president of Kaikoura sub-branch. Blenheim Workingmen's Club granted permission to use our billiard tables on August 8 and 9 for South Island championships. Music to be provided on.

a month's trial on Friday and Saturday nights. Membership drive for those in arrears so far netted 264 members in arrears, bringing paid membership to date to 1356 as against 1320 at the end of December, 1979. Invitations for eligible members to join the RSA to be advertised in the Marlborough Express. Sub-committee appointed to liaise in building extension project.

and 25 years ago . . .

Present: J. A. Bell (chairman), Messrs Walsh, Scott, Bush, Naysmith, Waters, Perkins, Wanden, Bullen, Hadfield and P. J. Tizard (secretary).

Branches, Messrs Kitching, Parker, Pattie, Harris, Madsen, Neilson, Delany, Smith and Jellyman. Mr H. Mitchell to deliver Anzac addresses at Picton and Blenheim.

The General Account showed a credit balance of £70/17/1 and the relief account a credit of £256/15/6. Miniature rifles reported a successful visit to Nelson. Some vandalism reported at Picton Cemetery. Awatere RSA ball in August. Rai Valley ball in July.

Successful re-union held by Havelock branch. Spirits increased to 10d per nip. Purchase of a trial barrel of Harleys beer to be made. Building finance committee interviewing members for financial assistance. Twenty reliable members to be selected to assist Police intramural control in the event of a disaster. Mr Bell reported on Dominion Council meeting. To invite Governor-General to annual ball. Loophole in danger of becoming a one-man show because of lack of assistance in finding and preparing material. The Minutes were printed on a machine obtainable from H. Duckworth Ltd at a cost of £20.

and 30 years ago . . .

Present: W. A. Hood (president). Messrs Harrison, Wanden, Munro, Waters, Mears, Bell, Briden, Delany, Hammond, Horton, Bradley and J. S. Bain (secretary). Branches: Messrs Lyons, Madsen (Picton), Robinson (Renwick), Kitching (Rai), Waters (Ward), Parker (East Coast), West and Boyce (Seddon).

Meeting decided to accept semi-raised plaques for servicemen's graves. Honours Board of Past Presidents ready, river diversion would not affect RSA yet. DEC minutes read by secretary. Picton card evening and fathers evening well attended. Card evenings and NAAFI nights in the clubhouse popular. New billiard table erected, entertainment party visited Amersfoote. Special Executive meeting to be called to examine finance available for furnishings. Commercial cleaning quotes to be obtained. Cash donations being collected for parcels to Crete.

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BLENHEIM WOMEN'S SECTION NEWS

There was a good attendance at our June social afternoon and members were most interested to be given ideas on the growing and propagation of the many species of liliiums. This was given by Mrs Thomas, now of Picton, but formerly of Ashburton, where I believe her display of lilies were a joy to all. She explained how the average amateur gardener can successfully cultivate them and without much expense grow the more interesting hybrids.

The sales Table and raffles did excellent business and Mrs Eva Kennington thanked our guest speaker and also members for their parcels of soap to be given to the Red Cross.

Some of our members and friends attended a dinner and social evening at Waterlea organised by S.C.F. They voted this an enjoyable evening as well as contributing to a worthwhile cause. During the evening the national

president, Mrs Valmai Foster addressed the gathering and the local president Mr Wye expressed his thanks to all who attended.

WW1 Veterans: Our first Veterans' afternoon was held in June and how pleasant it was to see all the familiar faces as well as new ones. President Mrs Eva Kennington warmly welcomed the guests, also Mrs Moseley and Mrs Elsie Weaver. These two ladies entertained during the afternoon. Mr L. Watson spoke on behalf of the veterans and thanked Mr R. Hemming, RSA president who welcomed them to future afternoons.

Mrs Kennington thanked everyone and reminded all of the next WW1 Veterans Day on Monday, July 14.
JO ALLAN.



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PICCON RISSA. NEWS

Our Chair working secretary treasurer Gordon Mattingley relax a little for another 10 months, he consoles himself with the thought that he has presented two very good balance sheets in June to the Executive and Clubhouse and a high general meeting and he was justifiably congratulated for his presentation by both meetings.

Talking of meetings did you know that one member who came to the clubhouse for an annual meeting from Harvelock found his presence was one off being the minimum required to make a quorum? In attendance were 21 members from a total of 140 eligible over 400 eligible members. These are shocking statistics and it certainly can't be claimed that satisfied members won't turn up from some of the complaints we have heard over the past six months.

The point to be noted though to our members is that their attendance at the A.G.M. gives support and encouragement to the elected committee and with their debts we need active and encouraged committeees.

The backbone of any R.S.A. is similar club is the social committee and 1980-81 brings news of a change of thinking for our club in that the clubhouse committee was appointed and elected as social committee with two to add. The Chairman of the social committee will be Les Evans, who was elected on a proposal and our heartiest congratulations to Les, who has proven himself to be capable of providing more than is required to be a good member.

The Clubhouse committee elected for 1980-81 is: Jim Maxwell, Gordon Mattingley, Pete Ashfield, Jim Jones and Alin Taylor who are officers of the association and are therefore appointments in automatic. Fred McCull, John Hinks, Syd Jordan, Cecil Ivany and Bev Evans whose appointments were made by the Executive. Mrs M. Margaret Chaceast (ladies section rep.), Mrs Moss, Frederick, Mike, Eve, Peter, Les Evans, Les Evans and Colin McKnight, elected by the A.G.M.

The Clubhouse chairman Mr. Jim Maxwell was congratulated by a past president, Clive Taylor for presenting a very comprehensive report and that the motion was seconded by acclamation.

Item of interest from Piccon R.S.A. Executive meeting on June 12th: It was resolved that the women's section be thanked and advised that their donation of \$400 will be put towards the purchase of 10 round tables similar to those in the lounge bar hall. The President gave a comprehensive report on the results of the conference and mentioned that emphasis had been made to delegates on the Sale of Liquor Act, Section 166 (2)(b), which reads: "No visitor shall be supplied with liquor on the club's premises unless the visitor is present on the invitation of a member and as in the company of a member." The President has asked all members to ensure the necessary formalities are adhered to as regards the signing of the visitors' book. Jim's report

lasted over one and a half hours, and he was thanked by the committee for such an excellent coverage considering the short period he had to prepare since the conference.

The Welfare Committee for 1980-81 will be Johnny Murrell and Stacey Golder, who advised that Mr Wood is in Wairau Hospital, Bob Campbell in Amersfoote and that C. Standfield from Blenheim was visited while in Picton Hospital. World War One veterans have been visited and Crossfire delivered to them.

It was resolved that to keep pace with inflation, hospital visits be reimbursed with a set amount of petrol rather than money. It was resolved that the officers of the club be authorised to act as committee to build the new storeroom.

Committees appointed for 1980-81 are: Secretary, Gordon Mattingley; property committee, officers of the club; finance, G. Mattingley, F. McCall, Jim Taylor, B. Tapp and S. Joiner; cemetery committee, Clive Taylor, P. Ashfield, Ritchie Smith and Wally Parfitt. Nominations for executive of club committee as has already been reported. Chit-chat from Picton: A special band which played in the club on June 7, as an extra, was inadvertently omitted from mention in the June issue of Crossfire, and I'm sorry girls, because you were super, and we loved your participation. An unofficial buzz I've heard is that Norm Henderson and Kai Jenson will be laying the blocks for the storeroom. If that rumour is right, it will probably be in use by the time this issue comes off the press.

Picton RSA members used the club to host the ex-Navalmen's Association on June 21. What a shame there's no communication in such a small association such as Marlborough, and that the parent body held a cabaret on the same night? Never mind, thanks to Des Yorke's band and their voluntary services, and a good crowd from Blenheim, everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and I'm happy to say that the evening paid a \$50 profit for the ex-Navalmen's Association. Thanks also to Ray Bascand and Sandy Graham for their raffle.

Finally, the official "buzz" is that John Frisken is hanging up his pen as of this issue as publicity officer (Crossfire writer) and I would like to thank everyone who has given me assistance over the last two and a bit years, especially Gordon Mattingley and Joan Taylor.

PICTON WOMEN'S SECTION NEWS

On June 10 there were 25 members present at the first meeting of our new year, including new member Joy Fredericks, whom we were pleased to join in congratulating on her recent marriage to Ross. Joy has always been an active helper at the various social functions and will be a welcome addition to the section.

The walk along the Milford Track undertaken by our member Phyll Wilkes was superbly described and illustrated, and once again we were left in awe of her incredible stamina. "Hang in there, Phyll," you are an example to all of us stay-at-homes! The round of applause

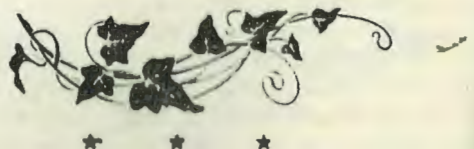
called for by president June Ireland was warmly accorded.

On July 22 the Blenheim ladies visited us for bowls and cards.

Winner of the monthly raffle was Mrs Matthews.

Several members are away on overseas visits at present, so we look forward to their return and perhaps some fresh ideas or news.

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An' yer can't lock yerself up anywhere an' read a book or somethin' neither, 'cause there just ain't no place ter lock yerself in. They're all as open as a book. Yer just 'ave ter put up with it. An' then when yer go ter bed yer'd think yer'd have a bit of privacy, but no, the blinkin' corprils an' sarjents an' ossifers come troopin' in one arter another arskin' all sorts er questions an' tellin' yer whot yer got ter do termorrer.

Blimey! I dunno, I suppose they'll tell us why all this fuss one day.

An' when we get on the blinkin' ship ter go ter war they dig aroun' in yer bleedin' cabin (if yer lucky enough ter get one) lookin' fer cigarette butts an' suchlike that anyone might er left there — even on the last bleedin' trip. How're they ter know? Then they push all kind er bugs inter yer arm and they 'ave ter wait till the bleedin' ship's rollin' an' duckin' aroun' an' a bloke's feelin' seasick before they scratch the worst o' the lot in an' make yer feel worse.

Yer talk about 'avin privacy in the ranks. There just ain't none, so why aggravate a man by callin' 'im a private? I think I'll join the engineers where they call a man a Sapper. That sounds a bit more like wot I am.

A Memorable Visit to the Republic of San Marino

After equally memorable visits to the Eternal City, Rome and Venice, which I have written about previously, I found I still had a week of Army leave so I decided to visit the hilltop capital of this unique Republic, situated some 28km inland from Cattolica, on the Adriatic coast, and a like distance from the larger and better known coastal town of Rimini.

The Republic of San Marino is more than 1600 years old. In the 4th Century after Christ, Marino, a young stone cutter of Arbe (Dalmatia), in order to escape persecution, found shelter on Mt Titano. Here he was joined by some poor slaves, shepherds and wood cutters who remained faithful to the teachings of their leader and after his death they founded the small Republic which since those remote days has never lost its independence.

The Republic is extremely democratic, being represented by 60 councillors who are elected by the people. Two Regent Captains are elected every six months and they preside over the great General Council which represents in a marvellous way the spiritual teachings of the Patron Saint and Founder Marino.

The small Republic is 64 square km in area and had a population of about 16,000 in 1945. The people are chiefly agricultural and love their country for the freedom and liberty which it symbolises. On Mt Titano, 2286ft above sea level, lies the capital town of this small state. Looking towards Mt Titano from the Adriatic one would see a cliff rising to a height of 914ft and from its top on a clear day one can see the Dalmatian coast opposite. Perhaps Marino still had some lingering love left for his abandoned homeland and chose this high spot so he could still see home but remain free. On the Apennine side it gradually slopes down and all around as far as the horizon one can see mountains, hills and valleys. Thousands of Italian and foreign tourists come every year to Mount Titano to enjoy the beautiful panorama and to visit the capital of this tiny and unique Republic, which still retains the characteristics of an Italian community of the 12th Century.

In the Second World War the Republic, with her neutrality violated, had her baptism of blood. Fortunately this lasted only a few weeks. Even so, many of her houses and fields were damaged by explosions and the passage of troops. When the war moved further north San Marino quickly repaired her damage and I remember receiving a warm and friendly welcome during my visit and I have heard that San Marino is still free and flourishing.

—REG WATSON

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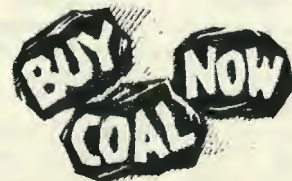
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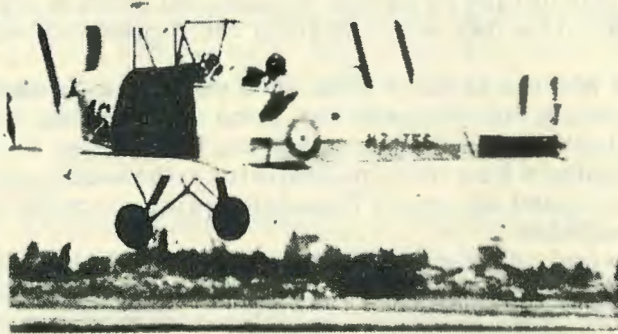
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THE GREAT WAR (1914-1918)

With the outbreak of war in Europe, the New Zealand Government shelved all ideas of forming an air corps, and in 1915 Lt Burn went overseas with the first Australian flying squadron to Mesopotamia (where he was killed on July 30 by Arab tribesmen after force-landing in the desert in a Caudron GIII). The Bleriot was returned to England, where it was thought it would be of more use, and it ended up with the Royal Flying Corps.

In this war, as in wars fought in the previous century, the accent was still on infantry, warships and heavy guns. Although aeroplanes were very useful they served in only minor roles, and it was felt New Zealand should not attempt to divert its main war effort of providing infantry by dabbling with aeroplanes.

But although this was the official policy, it did not stop two private New Zealand companies from negotiating direct with the British Government and obtaining agreements to provide trained pilots for the RFC and the Royal Naval Air Service. The first such company, the Walsh Brothers' and Dexter's New Zealand Flying School at Kohimarama in Auckland, began training its first four pilots in October 1915, using the Walsh Brothers' original 1915 flying boat, the first such aircraft to be built in the Southern Hemisphere.

Later, a Caudron floatplane, a Curtiss flying boat and several more school-built flying boats were added, enabling the number of pilots on each course to be

increased considerably. Two Boeing and Westerveldt float planes were also ordered, but they arrived just too late to participate in wartime pilot training. The school finally dispatched 110 pilots to England.

The Sockburn-based Canterbury (N.Z.) Aviation Company (which had been established by Henry Wigram in 1917) commenced pilot training in June 1917 with a single Caudron two-seater. A further three dual control Caudrons and five single-seat models were put into service by this school before the end of the war, by which time 182 pilots had graduated. Three of these Caudrons (two single-seaters and one dual control model) were constructed by the school's engineering staff.

POST-WAR (1919-1936)

Although in early 1919 the Government invited an experienced RAF officer to investigate and report on New Zealand's aerial defence requirements in the post-war period, it was extremely reluctant to act on his recommendations. Colonel A. V. Bettington had even arranged for the supply of four aeroplanes (two DH4s and two Bristol F2B Fighters), which were gifted by the British Government as the nucleus of an aviation corps, but his plan for a seven-squadron air force based on one aircraft depot and two aircraft parks was totally rejected by the Government on the grounds of cost.

Shortly thereafter, 100 surplus (but new) military aircraft were offered to the New

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Zealand Government by Britain as an "Imperial gift." The Government was obviously horrified at the thought of having to maintain such a large number of military aircraft in this period of peace following the war to end all wars, and it spent some time in a state of indecision over what to do about the offer. By January 1920 when it decided to accept 35 aircraft (20 Avro 504Ks, nine DH9As and six flying boats) all of the latter two types had been disposed of.

Subsequently, 20 Avro's and nine DH9s (which were less powerful than the DH9As) were shipped out to New Zealand. Apart from two Avro's, all of the aircraft were loaned out to three commercial aviation companies, the N.Z. Flying School in Auckland, the Canterbury Aviation Company in Christchurch and the recently-formed N.Z. Aero Transport Company in Timaru. The retained 504Ks were delivered to the Canterbury Aviation Company's base at Sockburn where they joined the four other military aircraft shipped from England the previous year.

In 1919, a small group of Defence Department personnel had been made responsible for maintaining and carrying out occasional miscellaneous flights in the Government's aircraft at Sockburn, and they seem to have been titled the N.Z. Air Service, although the title N.Z. Aviation Corps was in use by 1923.

In 1922, the Air Force Reserve was created (as part of the territorial forces), comprising ex-RFC and RNAS pilots now domiciled in this country and who were keen to take up flying on a part-time basis. These officers were given their first refresher training in February-March 1923 under the auspices of the NZFS at Kohimarama on Avro 504L floatplanes and under a combined Canterbury Aviation Company/N.Z. Aero Transport Company staff at Sockburn on Avro 504Ks.

Finally, on June 14, 1923, the Government took the plunge and formed the New Zealand Permanent Air Force (to be part of the regular forces) and the New Zealand Air Force, which was to be part of the territorial forces (the old Air Force Reserve). Both of these formations were firmly under Army control.

Equipment on hand included the six Government aircraft (two each of DH4, Bristol Fighter, Avro 504Ks) plus a number of ex-Canterbury Aviation Company 504Ks and DH9s, which were acquired along with the buildings, plant and aerodrome of that company when it found it impossible to continue operations. Additionally, one of the

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N.Z. Aero Transport Company's DH9s (which company went into liquidation on March 27, 1923) was acquired. The airfield at Sockburn was renamed Wigram aerodrome in honour of the man who had campaigned for military aviation for so long, and who also, incidentally, donated £10,000 (one-third of the cash required) towards the Government's purchase of the CACs assets.

After a small engineering staff had been assembled at Wigram, work began on preparing the fleet for the 1924 refresher courses. These courses were the busiest part of the flying year for the Air Force and were held during February-March every year from 1924 until the latter part of the 1930s.

Throughout the rest of the year the aircraft were used solely by the regular force pilots for army co-op exercises, photographic survey work, search and rescue sorties and many other miscellaneous duties. When two Fairey IIIFs entered service at the new maritime base at Hobsonville in Auckland in 1929, naval co-

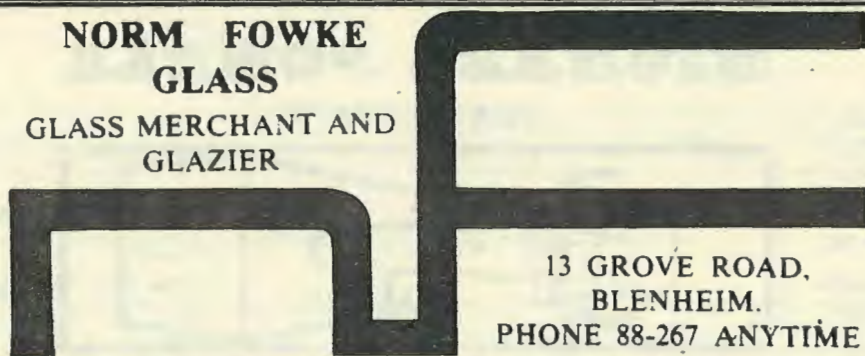
operation work became another oft-under-taken duty, although with the arrival on the New Zealand station in 1936-37 of the cruisers HMS Leander and HMS Achilles and the Walrus amphibians they carried, the demand for this type of work fell of dramatically.

A slow re-equipment programme was put in train to allow the retirement of the original WW1-vintage gift aircraft. New aircraft ordered during the 1923-30 period included three SE5A single-seat fighters in 1924 (but which never eventuated), six re-conditioned Avro 504Ks in 1925 to replace the ageing Imperial Gift aircraft, two Bristol Fighter army co-op aircraft in 1925, plus another three in 1926, a single DH50A in 1926 for photographic survey, one, and then an additional two, Grebe fighters in 1926, two Fairey IIIF naval co-operation aircraft, with wheel and float undercarriages, in early 1928, four DH60G Moths for initial training, also in 1928, plus an additional float-equipped aircraft for Hobsonville, in 1929,



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and four Tomtit and two DH60M trainers in 1930. In addition, a second-hand DH80A Puss Moth was acquired from the local agents in mid-1931 for liaison and aerial photography work.

All these aircraft, with the exception of the SE5As, were delivered and put into service in one of the NZPAF's four main roles — training, army, co-op, naval co-op or aerial survey. The Gloster Grebes, despite their seemingly uncompromising designed

role of interceptors, were used as proficiency trainers and on occasions as high speed personal transportation for NZPAF officers. The Grebes were never armed and no interception unit was ever formed to employ them. However, at many airshows held throughout the country activities were enlivened by the antics of one or more of these aircraft, flown by experienced pilots, often in mock battle.



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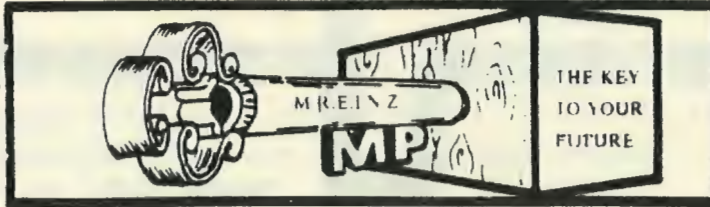
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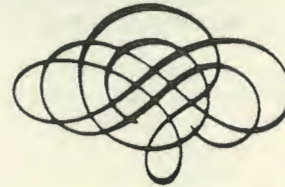
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ADMISSION OF WIVES TO RSAs

The remit which NZRSA are trying to persuade the Licensing Control Commission to agree to on the above subject reads as follows:

"That representation be made to the Licensing Control Commission to establish the principle that the chartered club visitors' rule be waived in respect of the spouse of a financial member who attends an RSA chartered

club during licensing hours accompanied by such a member and that it be a matter for the respective chartered clubs to institute their own by-laws in this regard."



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SERVICE MEMBERS

Marlborough RSA is looking seriously at widening membership so that income can be maintained in the face of rising operating costs. For the benefit of our readers we quote NZRSA Rule 5 (d) which lays down the conditions of such form of membership:

"Any local Returned Services Association may, at its own discretion, admit to service membership any "ex-servicemen" as hereinbefore defined subject to the following conditions:

1 "Service members shall not—

- (1) Be issued with or wear the official badge of the Association as issued to returned servicemen members but every service member shall be supplied by the local association of which he is a member with a service member's badge issued pursuant to Rule 47 (2) of these Rules.
- (2) Be eligible to transfer to any other local Returned Servicemen's Association, except in the case where both local associations include service members in their membership.
- (3) Enter as of right the premises or facilities of any other local Returned Services Association.
- (4) Be eligible for assistance from or participate in welfare funds administered by a local RSA or NZRSA unless such funds have been expressly made available for service members as well as for returned servicemen members."

2 Such local Returned Services Association shall amend its Rules to comply with the Model Rules prepared in this behalf by the Dominion Executive Committee, which may, in the discretion of the DEC include the following restrictions:

- (1) That only Returned Servicemen members may become "officers" of a local RSA or Chairman of an RSA Club Committee, and
- (2) That local RSA Executive Committees shall be constituted with a clear majority of Returned personnel."

A service member is an ex-serviceman and means:

- (1) Any person who has served as a uniformed member of the Armed Forces of New Zealand in time of war; or
- (2) Any person who has served as a uniformed member in time of peace with the Regular Armed Forces of New Zealand or any other country which was a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations at the time of that service; or
- (3) Any person who has served as a uniformed member in time of peace with other non-Regular Armed Forces of New Zealand or any other country which was a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations at the time of that service; or
- (4) Any person who served in accordance with the preceding paragraphs of this Rule, notwithstanding that such a person may remain a member of Her Majesty's Forces; or
- (5) Any person who has served as a uniformed member of the Armed Forces of any country of the British Commonwealth or of any ally of New Zealand or Great Britain in time of war or peace and has been honourably discharged therefrom and who is a naturalised subject of any part of the British Commonwealth of Nations and who is not eligible for returned servicemen membership solely because such person did not proceed overseas from place of enlistment.

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And before I know it a year has gone,
And I never see my old friend’s face,
For life is a swift and terrible race,
He knows I like him just as well,
As in the days when I rang his bell
And he rang mine. We were younger
then,
And now we are busy tired men;
Tired with playing a foolish game,
Tired with trying to make a name.
“Tomorrow,” I say, “I’ll call on Jim
Just to show that I’m thinking of him.”
And the distance between us grows and
grows,
Around the corner!—Yet miles away ...
“Here’s a telegram, sir,”
“Jim died today.”
And that’s what we get and deserve in
the end,
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

Two English schoolboys took a
dislike to each other, and the hatred
grew more intense as the years passed.
One entered the Royal Navy and finally
became an Admiral. The other went into
the Church and finally was made a
Bishop.

Years later they met on a London
railway station platform. They had
changed, of course, and the Bishop had
grown very plump, but they recognised
each other.

The Bishop swept up to the admiral
who was resplendent in his uniform
with medals and gold braid glittering all
over him and said: “Stationmaster, from
which platform does the 10.05 train
leave for Oxford?”

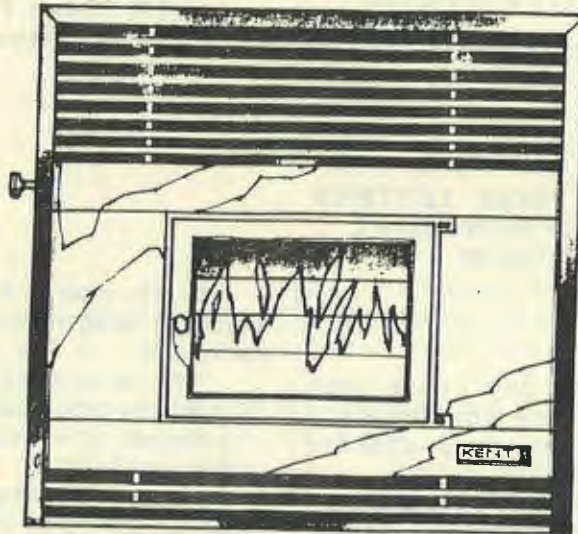
The Admiral promptly retaliated:
“Platform 5, madam. But in your
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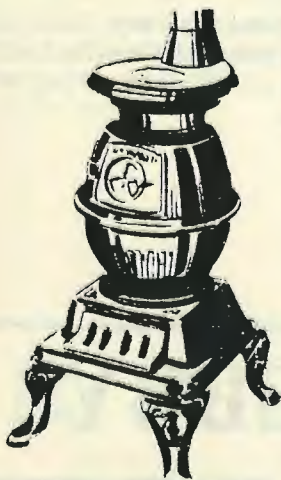
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- * Operating under the auspices of the State Branch is a Welfare Bureau with services available to advise members on such matters as Repatriation, Pensions, Housing, General Welfare and to assist next-of-kin with funeral arrangements and associated problems. Hospital visitation is another valued service to members.
- * The Annual Subscription is \$6.50. A Life Subscription scheme is available.



THE SERVICE MEMBER

- * Introduced on a National level in 1976 this category of membership of the League is open to those members of the Armed Forces who are currently serving and those with past service that did not include active service in a theatre of war or combat zone.
- * Service Members have the same rights and privileges as the Ordinary League member, subject at present to some restrictions on the holding of certain State and Sub-Branch offices.
- * Sub-Branch facilities are open to Service Members, as are the advisory services of the State Branch Welfare Bureau in respect of Repatriation, Hospital Visitation and General Welfare.
- * The annual subscription is \$6.50. Service Members may participate in the Life Subscription Scheme.



THE ASSOCIATE MEMBER

- * Applicable to the State of South Australia this form of membership applies to a Sub-Branch only and is open to the wives, widows, sons and daughters of Ordinary League Members and Service Members.
- * A distinctive badge is made available by the State Branch at a nominal fee and all applications must be lodged at Sub-Branch level. This membership is not transferable.
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Mrs. Applebottom grew angry with the French maid, and after a series of stinging remarks regarding the young girl's abilities as a cook and housekeeper, she dismissed her. But the girl's Gallic ancestry wouldn't allow such abuse to go unanswered: "Your husband considers me a better cook and housekeeper than you, madame. He has told me so himself."

Mrs. Applebottom looked at the girl scornfully and made no comment.

"And furthermore," said the angry girl, "I am better than you in the bed!"

"And I suppose my husband told you that, too," snapped Mrs. Applebottom.

"No, madame," said the maid. "The chauffeur told me *that!*"

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Licensing Control Commission Report

The following comments relating to Chartered Club operations were contained in the Licensing Control Commission's 1979 Annual Report as presented to the House of Representatives.

CHARTERED CLUBS

During the year we have had drawn to our attention the activities of a number of Clubs which cause us some concern. The legislation under which Chartered Clubs must operate and our approach when considering applications for charters have not changed in recent times. We consider Clubs to be voluntary associations of people who combine to promote private social intercourse, convenience, and comfort and providing their own liquor and not for gain. Club premises exist for the comfort, convenience, and use of members. The sale of liquor is an added amenity desirable and perhaps even vital to the true enjoyment of Club life, but not the sole or major purpose of the Club. Subscriptions should be sufficient to run the Club allowing for a reasonable contribution from liquor sales. A Club is not a cabaret or tavern. We have been told that some Clubs appear to operate as "open houses" and the general public as well as Club members are able to use these Clubs' facilities. During the course of the year the police, at our direction, have taken a number of prosecutions in respect of alleged unauthorised sales by Clubs.

We have recently found ourselves in some difficulty when considering revised rules for existing Clubs and the rules of those seeking new charters. As we interpret section 166 (2) (h) a charter authorises the supply of liquor to members and visitors in the company of members. It has been the practice to include in the rules of Chartered Clubs a provision whereby a member of a Club affiliated to a representative organisation may be permitted to enter and enjoy the facilities of other Clubs. This would appear to be inconsistent with section 166 (2) (h). We have drawn this to the attention of the associations representing the various Clubs.

During recent years we have been approached by a number of male only Clubs who have sought our approval to a change in their rules to permit ladies to become members. Approval is usually forthcoming. However, a number of these requests have been to approve rules which provide only associate member status for women which on some occasions give them neither voting rights nor the opportunity to stand for office. In other words, use of the facilities, but no voice in the administration or management of the Club. Motives, often we think, more economic than altruistic. We have declined to approve such proposals. It is our view that members of a Chartered Club should be of equal standing and that there should be no "second class" or inferior category of membership. Our policy in this respect has been the subject of discussions with representative organisations.

GOLDEN OLDIE: Old Bill's wife was getting very amorous towards Bill one night, after forty solid years of marriage. She turned towards him and said "I'm going to nibble your ear just like I used to." "Mighty," said Bill, "only by the time you find your teeth I'll be fast asleep."

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INCOME TAX REGULATIONS

The information furnished hereunder has been obtained from the Department of Inland Revenue, in order to ensure that all Chartered Clubs become fully aware of the Department's requirements, and remove any doubts which may exist regarding tax obligations.

Chartered Clubs are liable to income tax on funds derived from outside sources, unless specifically exempt from tax in terms of the Act. This means that any income received from non-members such as rents, interest, trading transactions, and advertising revenue becomes subject to Income Tax.

INCOME TAX

Section 61(34) of the Income Tax Act 1976 states as follows:

"Income derived by any society, association or organisation, whether incorporated or not, which is not carried on for the purposes of profit or gain to any proprietor, member or shareholder, and which is by the terms of its Memorandum, articles of association, rules or other document constituting that society, association or organisation governing its activities, prohibited from making any distribution, whether by way of money, property or otherwise howsoever, to any such proprietor, member or shareholder:

Provided that the amount of the exemption under this paragraph in any income year shall not exceed \$500 of the aggregate of that income."

In order to qualify for the above-mentioned exemption, clubs must have an adequate

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clause in their constitution or rules forbidding the distribution of funds or property to their members.

Member clubs who may have adopted the Associations' rule 28 on Dissolution, should ensure that the undermentioned words are completely deleted from this clause.

"or as otherwise set out in the instrument of dissolution."

The Inland Revenue Department have advised that rules including the above term, are considered deficient, and require amending before general exemption would be allowed.

CHARTER RENEWALS

Charter Renewal Certificates stating that the Club continues to fulfil all the conditions on which the Charter was granted or renewed are required to be submitted to the Licensing Control Commission by 30th June annually. The fee of \$150 should accompany this Certificate. Postal address is as follows:

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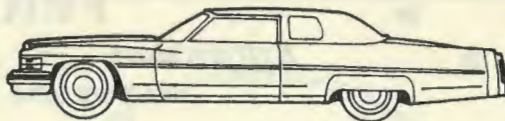
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So I sit there playing at "Goas and Whoas."
I fiddle with switches and picks me nose,
An hour or so later I'm at barrier one,
And up comes "Castrol," I'm about to be
done.

I say "Giddy" in the best Kiwi style,
He doesn't speak, and he doesn't smile.
He grabs the handle and rips open the door,
Then thrusts a card into me trembling paw.
He points to a table with its chained up pen,
I guess he wants me to fill in the gen.
So he toots me horn and slams me doors,
He even gets in and stamps on the floors.
He tries me lights both up and down
Then comes forward with his built-in frown.
He whips me card like a striking viper,
Clips it, then stuffs it up in me windscreen
wiper.

It's on to stop two with the rest of me sins,
Where they check me bearings, balls and
pins.

I get out of me bomb and stand there meekly,
The three blokes ignore me but look at "it"
bleakly.

"Esso" one, he works on the jack,
While "Bee Pee" two gets down on his back.
But the third one (he's an untagged creep),
Circles and prods at me poor old heap.
Five minutes there's a clipping meet,
And they toss me card back on to the seat.
Then in gets "Mobil," the drag racing fan,
And he takes off as fast as he can.
He comes to a jolt on the brake-testing bar,
And watches the "Farta" pop up in the jar.
He knows damn well this causes me pain,
So what does he do? — He does it again.
At last I'm through and head for the slide,
And hands me ticket to the bloke inside.
He doesn't look up. It's what I expected,
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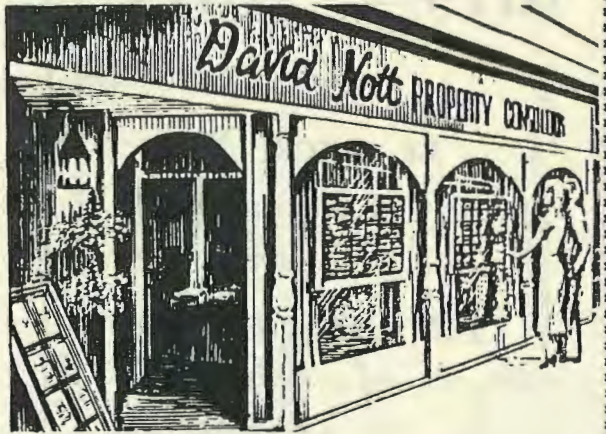
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wishes."

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spinster.

"Granted!" said the roach, repro-
ducing the money.

"I want to be young and beautiful!"
"You got it!" And she was.

"Now," said Tilly, "turn my tom cat
into a tall, handsome prince lying next
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"I'm so happy!" she exclaimed.

"I'm glad," said the Prince beside her.
"But aren't you sorry now you had me
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He shook his head sadly. "What creatures of habit we are," he said. "This morning when I awoke, half asleep, without thinking, I pulled a five dollar bill from my wallet and left it on the pillow."

We tried to console him and told him his wife wouldn't think anything about it.

"You don't understand," he said, "Half asleep, without thinking, she gave me three dollars change."

"Your feet are cold," the husband grumbled. "Keep them on your side of the bed."

"You're terrible," she complained. "You never said that before we were married."

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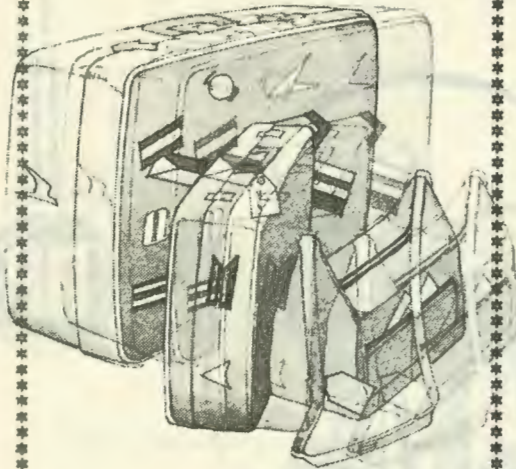
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EXEMALAIYANA ASSN. NEWS

The Association will be holding its next meeting in the R.S.A. Rooms at 1930 1930 hours and have a garage sale arranged at the old house next to Anderson and and Collection Saturday July 26y 26.

They also intend to invade a mass the next R.S.A. Cabaret planned for Saturday, 26 September - so the the 'wrinklies' better book early at this time!

The Secretary, Peter Callahan, has a supply of association jersey's in stock at \$29 for any member interested.

Today is the day you worried about yesterday.

And all is well.

This week is the week you worried about last week.

And all is well.

This month is the month you worried about last month.

And all is well.

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And the bloody mortgage is still paid!
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"I was just trying to teach my boy that you can't put more in a container than it can hold." Bill Explained, when a long came a woman in slacks. "ks."

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She said "Nothing. If you want it for \$100, give me the money and take it away. If you don't want it, please don't waste my time."

he asked for the keys and went to the garage, backed the car out, parked in

front of the house, counted out \$100 and handed it to the owner, with the comment: "Now you have your \$100, what's the catch?"

She said: "My husband just died and in his will he instructed that the Cadillac be sold and the proceeds be given to his secretary."

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31. Pinches
32. Goddess of discord
36. Pace
38. Land measure
39. Couple
40. Sea eagles
42. Has on
43. Rub out
46. Aromatic beverage
48. Greek letter
50. Cylindrical
52. Doctrines
53. Fissure
54. Subsequently
55. Overact
56. More painful
60. Valley (Brit.)
61. Israeli dance
62. Unlatch
63. "— of the D'Urbervilles"
65. Born (Fr.)
67. "— Miserables"
69. Mouth part

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The R.S.A. Bowling Club would like to
 apologise most sincerely to

RONA & ALBY EARNSHAW

for an article which appeared in the
 April/May issue of Drawshot.

CRETE VETERANS ASSN

Mr Schofield, of Hamilton, called in
 recently and is interested in getting a
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 formed here. There will be more news of
 this in the next issue of Crossfire.

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"I simply gotta divorce this woman," the discololate man explained to the court. "She insisted on keeping a pet goat in our bedroom. The smell got so terrible I just couldn't stand it any longer."

The judge shook his head. "That sounds bad," he admitted, "But couldn't you open a window?"

"What?", cried the husband. "And let my pigeons get out?"

A reporter had been sent into the country hills to run down a resident who was supposed to be a super marksman. All over the region, on trees, fences and walls were target bull's-eyes with holes in the dead centre, as evidence of his uncanny skill. The reporter was surprised when the dead-shot turned out to be the village half-wit.

"You certainly are a sharp-shooter," the reporter said. "How do you do it?"

"Easy as pie," answered the dim-witted rifleman. "I just shoot first then draw the circle."

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On the plane flight was a lively child who drove everyone crazy. He was running up and down the aisle when the stewardess started serving coffee, and he ran smack into her, knocking the cups of coffee to the floor. As he stood watching her clean up the mess, she glanced up at the boy and said, "Look, why don't you go and play outside?"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE 19

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A TRUE WEST COAST STORY

Where else could it happen but the West Coast?

An Auckland couple who recently settled in Greymouth were avid stock car enthusiasts and were keen to get into the sport actively.

When a stock car came up for sale at \$350 they quickly moved in to do a deal but the sellers did not want to accept the new arrivals car as a trade in.

After some haggling they opted for a straight swap — the stock car for the wives wedding ring.

The little man stormed into the bar of the country hotel.

"Who painted my horse yellow?" he demanded

"I did," answered a big fellow, leaning on the bar. "So what?"

"I just wanted you to know that the first coat is dry," replied the little one.

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