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EDITORIAL

The concert for Anzac afternoon seems to be taking shape nicely. One new group is a 16-piece Tommy Dorsey-type band and they have been busy for several months practising their big-beat wartime items. Another group recently formed of young people also want to use the occasion as a try-out for public performances, and of course, we will have our old supporters, the Orphans Club, back to provide a variety of entertainment. The Municipal Band will again provide several items and we hope to see a few volunteers, like Joe Patchett, step up to the mike and display their talent. Again, of course, space limits the numbers who can fit into the pavilion lounge and priority will be given to our disabled. The remainder of the audience will be limited to members and a partner only.

Major General Poananga was going to have a game of golf during the afternoon, but on finding we have entertainment at the club, he has changed his mind. It will also give as many of our members as possible the opportunity to meet and talk with him when he mingles with you in the bar lounges.

The preliminary drawings for the next stage of building improvements are being examined by the management and property committees so this is finally a step forward in getting some action on the work. Main delay has been attributable to alterations required at Outward Bound which have tied our architect down for several months. We will also be talking to the breweries to provide a beer line to the bar in the new billiard room. Details of the operation of the bar will have to be discussed by the executive, but at this stage it seems certain it will be open as required and manned by volunteers.

Those who come into the club will have noticed our first bale of clothing for Fiji is filled and we are starting on a second bale. An excellent response achieved by our members.

The Christmas Draw could be a thing of the past as we have only received one volunteer to sell tickets. Don't forget, if you are interested in keeping it going by spending an hour selling, please let me know.

Much to Ron's delight, the RNZN has come to light with some long-promised coloured photos of some of their ships. They are being glassed and framed and will be hung alongside the other photos we have collected. I suppose he will be shouting when they take their place on our walls!



WANTED

Volunteers to sell Christmas Draw
Tickets, Thursday and Friday evenings.
Please see the Secretary if you can help.

EDITORIAL

The Editor is Paul Brodie
and the sub-editor Allan
Gardiner.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Now that the annual general meeting is behind us, I am hopeful in pressing forward as quick as possible in getting our alterations and improvements underway. It is very frustrating for everyone when these hang-ups occur through no fault of our own. Let us hope that this time next year we will all be able to share the benefits in the clubhouse. Having some music and entertainment will, I am sure, make all the difference.

I look forward to when we will be able to take our partners into the club and have a nice meal and maybe a bottle of wine and some background music. Perhaps I am too ambitious, but it can be done.

The point was made at the AGM that remits to the national conference are never discussed — or seen — by the rank and file members of Marlborough. It is a valid point, and as I stated at the time I will bring it up at the regional conference being held at Hokitika and see if anything can be done to alter that situation.

It would seem to me that a remit from Marlborough - Nelson — West Coast collectively might help to sway the Dominion executive towards changing the date that remits have to be submitted by. That way, delegates could then have the opinion of the members before going to Wellington.

It was pleasing for me to have the same

executive as last year. With the exception of Graham Simpson substituting for Alex Fry, who didn't seek re-election, they remain unaltered. I hope that we continue to retain the confidence placed in us by your votes.

Another outcome of the AGM was that the subscription for 1982 be increased to \$10. This is \$4 more than at present. It is inevitable. I wish I could state that it will be the last increase. Unfortunately, a person would be foolish to think that inflation has reached its peak. Let us hope that we will be able to maintain the figure of \$10 for as long as possible.

The socials that have been run over the past 12 months have not enjoyed the same support as in previous years. That could be a reflection on our age group, or perhaps the format that we have been offering is not what the members want.

To this end it is my intention to ask clubs within the club to organise and run the social evenings on our behalf. Already the Ex-Navalmen and Ex-Malayan groups are very interested in the idea. If any of the other groups are interested, i.e., bowlers (both outdoor and indoor), pool section, etc., are interested, do not hesitate to contact me, or any member of the executive. I would stipulate that these would be open to all members and not just the groups running the social. As far as I am concerned it doesn't matter who is actually organising the evening, just as long as it is under the RSA name.

A thousand cuts

A castaway was washed ashore after many days on the open sea. The island on which he landed was populated by savage cannibals who tied him, dazed and exhausted, to a thick stake. They then proceeded to cut his arms with their spears and drink his blood.

This continued for several days, until the castaway could stand no more. He yelled for the cannibal king and declared, "You can kill me if you want to, but this torture with the spears has got to stop. Damn it. I'm tired of being stuck for drinks."

All is forgiven

Joe sat at his dying wife's bedside. Her voice was little more than a whisper.

"Joe darling," she breathed. "I've got a confession to make before I go ... I ... I'm the one who took the \$10,000 from your safe ... I spent it on a fling with your best friend, Charles. And it was I who forced your mistress to leave the city. And I am the one who reported your income-tax evasion to the Government ..."

"That's all right, dearest. don't give it a second thought," answered Joe. "I'm the one who poisoned you."

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Anzac Day Arrangements

The following are details of the Commemoration Service this Anzac Day:

- (a) Fall-in at The Farmers in Queen Street at 1040 hours. Service members especially welcome.
- (b) March to the War Memorial, Seymour Square for 1100 hours Service.
- (c) Move off after ceremony around Seymour Square and salute the official party on the balcony of the Administration Building.
- (d) Dismiss opposite the RSA outside the Criterion Hotel.
- (e) Short Service at Omaka Cemetery at 1200 hours.
- (f) Light snacks in the R.S.A. afterwards.
- (f) Concert items in Pavilion Lounge during the afternoon for members and partners.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Open long-based Landrover will be positioned opposite the War Memorial to convey those unfit to parade in the main column for the march past with fall-out at the R.S.A.

Guest of Honour:	Major-General B. M. Poananga, C.B., C.B.E.
Parade Organiser:	Tris Hegglin.
Parade Commander:	Jim Furness, M.B.E., M.C.
Platoon Commanders:	Russ Bright, Eric Bishell, Jim Knowles, Hugh Macdonald, Peter Callahan.
Officer in Charge, Cenotaph:	Wally Perkins.
Officer in Charge, Omaka:	Norm Jellyman
Wet Weather Alternative:	Assembly Centennial Hall by 1100 hours.

NEW MEMBERS R.S.A.

70285 Angus Eric Paton

SERVICE

461084 Keith Thomas Lammas

45295 Robert John Maynard

774255 Colin James Miller

46035 Gerald William Waters

453529 George Frank Conroy

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(No election required)

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Adrian Bishell, Brian Day, Bob Gordon,
John Devescovi, Monty Montgomery,
John Miller, Snow Sutherland,
Gerald Nelson, Jimmy Todd, Stan Todd
Roy Turner, Mike Morrison.

Don't study medicine and law at the
same time—it tries your patients.

THE POPPY EMBLEM — HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The Flanders Poppy was first described as the "Flower of Remembrance" by Colonel John McCrae, who before the First World War was a well-known Professor of Medicine at McGill University, in Montreal.

He had previously served as a gunner in the South African War and at the outbreak of the First World War decided to join the fighting ranks. However, the powers-that-be decided that his abilities could be used to better advantage, and so he landed in France as a Medical Officer with the first Canadian Army contingent.

At the second battle of Ypres in 1915, when in charge of a small first-aid post and during a lull in the action, he wrote, in pencil, on a page torn from his despatch book, the following verses:

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch: Be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

The verses were sent anonymously to "Punch" magazine, and published under the title "In Flanders' Fields."

In May, 1918, Colonel McCrae was brought as a stretcher case to one of three big hospitals on the channel coast of France. On the third evening he was wheeled to the balcony of his room to look over the sea towards the cliffs of Dover. The verses were obviously in his mind, for he told the doctor who was in charge of his case: "Tell them this. If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep."

The same night Colonel McCrae died. He was interred in a beautiful cemetery on rising ground above Wimereux, from where the cliffs of Dover are easily visible on sunny days.

The First World War finally came to an end in November, 1918, when an Armistice was declared, so that peace-terms could be arranged. At 11am on November 11, the last shot of the war was fired. For many years afterwards Armistice Day was observed on November 11, but now it is known as Remembrance Sunday, and is always held on the second Sunday in November.

An American lady, Miss Moina Michael, had read the poem and was greatly impressed, particularly by the last verse. The wearing of a poppy appeared to her to be the way to keep faith, and she wrote in reply:

"THE VICTORY EMBLEM"

Oh! You who sleep in Flanders' fields,
Sleep sweet — to rise anew;
We caught the coren you threw,
And holding high we kept
The faith with those who died.

We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valour led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders' fields.

And now the torch and poppy red
Wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught:
We've learned the lesson that ye taught
In Flanders' fields.

On November 9, 1918, only two days before the Armistice was signed, Miss Michael was presented with a small gift of money by some of the overseas War Secretaries of the Y.M.C.A., for whom she worked, and whose Conference was being held at her house. She told them about the two poems and announced that she was going to buy 25 red poppies with the money. This she did. She wore one herself and each secretary there bought one from her. It is claimed, probably correctly, that this was the first group selling of poppies.

The French Secretary, Madame Guerin, had a practical and useful idea. She visited various parts of the world to suggest that artificial poppies should be made and sold to help ex-servicemen and their dependents in need.

As a result, the first-ever Poppy Day was held in Britain on November 11, 1921. The poppies were obtained from a French organisation, which used its profits to help children in the war devastated areas.

"THANKS TO BERT T"

I've been in Ward 8 five weeks today,
Sometimes I wonder if I'm not here to stay!

But that's not true,
I guess I feel blue,
When I start to think of things that way.

Actually, I seem to be getting on fine,
It won't be long 'til I'm standing in line
For a big fat beer,
And a word in the ear
Of numerous "old dig" mates of mine.

I've been promoted from that thing in bed,
Now I go to the "loo" instead—
A trip on a dunny
On wheels can be funny,
"A thirty-yard tourist trip" it's said.

That's all the outside world one sees—
The daily trip to put elbows on knees.
The windows in my sterile room
Show miles and miles of hills and broom
And roof tops, and smoke out of chimneys.

But am I moaning? No Siree!
Because I'm really in luxury
Nurses willing one and all,
To answer to one's beck and call
Tends to lessen the desire for liberty.

The hours from half-past-two each day
Give a welcome time for one to say
To visitors however few,
"Really good to be seein' you
And thanks for thinking of coming my way!"

One weekly caller who stands above all,
In fact he should feel about ten feet tall!
Opening up the Welfare Bags
And dishing out a pack of fags—
Or would you like minties after all?

He often chides for having the habit,
Say's smokin's no good, but I reach out and grab it,
And Bert our friend
Will then smile and send
Any gloom I might have into orbit.

All this started off with the thought
Of thanking all you folk who've fought
To say "Your provisioning
With the hospital visiting
Is greater in value than what can be bought!"

All the hundreds that must have been before,
No doubt appreciate as much as me and more
The work of the Pres. and Sec.,
And hono'ry Exec.,
Continue with it lads—it's a blessing not a chore!

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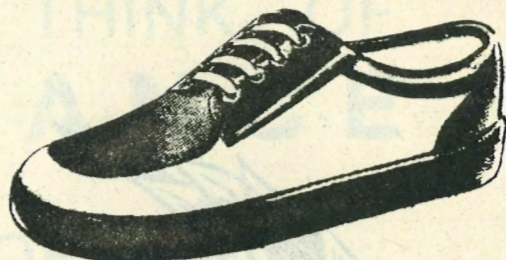
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE A.G.M.

R. Hemming in chair and 86 members present — Noel Healy thanked for representing the RSA at Air Cadet league meetings during the past 12 months and Alan Eatwell and his clubhouse committee received a similar thank-you and round of applause — New committee declared — RSA subs to go to \$10 and service members to \$16 in 1982 — President appealed for support on Poppy Day by collectors — Mr Giffin (Heritage) thanked the RSA for support — Mr Cameron asked members to advise either he or the secretary of any welfare problems — Conference remits to be discussed at extraordinary general meeting — Transport on Anzac Day for those unable to join the main parade — Vote of thanks to Alex Fry on relinquishing appointment of honorary treasurer.

Highlights from the April Executive Meeting

Letter of congratulations sent to Harry Glen on his being awarded life membership of Heritage — Fiji clothing collection successful — donation of \$50 received from brother of Spud Murphy who died recently

— Barmen and cleaner receive 14.6% pay increase from February 18 — Womens section indoor bowling club donated \$30 to relief account — Secretary to attend Marlborough Licensing Committee hearing on April 30 re variation of hours — Tabloids at \$1.50 each covering Greece and Crete campaigns ordered — Regional conference at Hokitika on May 16 — NZRSA request assistance in national fund-raising for NZRSA lodge at Outward Bound — Anzac Day bucket collection to be used for this purpose — General Account has credit of \$7218.60 and Relief Account has credit of \$755.49 — One new RSA and five Service Members elected — MPPC to share cost of schoolboy gardening scheme — New committee elected at Kaikoura with Ken Pitman as president and Mike Basset as secretary — New sub-committees appointed — Socials to be organised by various groups in future (Navalmen, Ex-Malayan, etc) — Concert organised for Anzac Day again (members and partner only) — Grant of \$60 made to Ex-Malayan Association for delivering ballot papers — John Walton Anzac delegate to Australia, gave a resume of his itinerary.

... and 25 years ago

R. T. Scott (chairman) — L. D. Waters away to Australia on Anzac delegation — fault in sewerage connection being traced — F. A. Harrison farewelled and given silver tea service — NZRSA citation being prepared for him — G. V. Mullin welcomed as Awatere rep — Regional conference at Westport on May 28 — Four delegates to attend Dominion conference — Annual accounts presented.

... and 30 years ago

R. T. Mears (chairman) — New committee nominations received — Ballot necessary — Honours Board donated by Messrs Garrod and Knight received — Future of RSA discussed — Mr Broadley appealed to members to join Heritage — Bowling club given grant of £39 for maintenance of gardens but to be advised that RSA is not satisfied with work done and if no improvement future grants to be reduced — Rev G. Taylor to give Anzac address.

COPY OF A LETTER RECEIVED FROM COLONEL LOVE SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH WAS ANNOUNCED

SYRIA,
May 13, 1942.

MOTHER,—

God give me strength to carry on, wisdom to make good judgments, courage to have my own convictions, justice in all my undertakings.

I thank God He has brought me to this great day for our Maori people, a great day for Ateawa and Taranaki, a great day for the name of Love, a great day for our family, a great day for your son, who is proud of a most wonderful mother.

This evening at 7.30pm, Brigadier Inglis told me that I was to command the 28th Maori Battalion.

Would that I could send a message to you. Would that I could be with you at this hour to celebrate.

The responsibility will be heavy on my shoulders, Mother dear, and I hope that I will be worthy of the trust that has been placed in me.

I am too full of happiness tonight and will sleep on it, but I could not until I had written to you and Kau (Colonel Love's wife).

I am well, and I hope you are the same — God bless you and keep you all safe.

—Your son,

TIWI.

WOMEN'S SECTION NEWS

A visit by the Nelson women's section was the highlight of our March social afternoon. The committee and helpers served an early lunch to the visitors who then took advantage of the lovely day to view the shops and gardens.

During the afternoon, ladies from the CWI again presented bright entertainment and three members from the Country and Western Club sang and played their ever-popular songs and music.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable afternoon and many thanks to those ladies who gave their time to share their talents for our enjoyment.

Thanks also to section members who provided afternoon tea and for items on the sales table.

April is an important month for the women's section. Poppy Day is on April 10 and hopefully many of our ladies will be out on this appeal.

On April 24 at 9am members and friends are asked to bring flowers and assist to make the many sprays for the ex-servicemen's graves at Omaka and Fairhall. This is a service the women's section is proud to be able to perform and as many members as possible are asked to take part.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Section members are reminded that the annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, at 2pm.

Nominations for positions of President, Vice-President and Committee members close with the secretary, Mrs C. Neal, on April 27 at 12 noon.

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Radio recommended after

A trainee topdressing pilot, flying under the supervision of another pilot in a second aircraft, died when he strayed from the sowing area into steep country after apparently becoming disoriented by low cloud and poor visibility.

The supervising pilot saw his charge flying away from the work area into "typically no-exit country", but was unable to warn him since neither aircraft was equipped with radio.

The trainee's plane struck the side of a confined gully, apparently while attempting to turn out of it.

The Aircraft Accident Report by the Ministry of Transport's Office of Air Accidents Investigation noted the following in relation to the crash of Fletcher FU 24 ZK-DZL near Kakatahi on November 18, 1978:

- ☐ "Photochromic" corrective lenses worn by the trainee pilot may have contributed to his disorientation in the prevailing weather (low cloud, drizzle patches). Photochromic lenses change tint according to light level. They are not recommended for aviation use, especially not in low-light conditions.
- ☐ It has been reported that the trainee pilot had been "very tired" in the week before the accident, but it was not possible to assess any fatigue factor in the accident.
- ☐ Weather at the time was marginal for a trainee topdressing pilot under supervision.
- ☐ The combination of weather and terrain worked against a trainee pilot's taking adequate and timely action to avoid being trapped in the blind gully.
- ☐ For some reason, the trainee pilot did not jettison his payload before attempting to fly out of the gully. The plane was estimated to be carrying 445 kg of superphosphate.

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"I'm 96 years old, and I don't have an enemy in the world."

"That's a wonderful thing to be able to say."

"Yes, indeed. Thank God, they're all dead!"

* * *

Trainee pilot's death

- Through an administrative omission, not held to be significant, the trainee pilot did not have a type rating for the plane he was flying. He had 106 hours' experience, both dual and solo, on the Fletcher FU 24-950.
- The pilot had, the previous day, mentioned that a fuel tank was either leaking or overflowing when full, and the fumes in the cockpit were making him feel "a bit crook". On the morning of the accident he kept his cockpit closed between sorties. He had flown the plane for one hour, 25 minutes, plus two working sorties from the strip, before the accident, but had not indicated any personal or aircraft problem.
- The pilot had been a trainee topdressing pilot for only six weeks before the accident. His flying hours on the job had been amassed rapidly. ("The variety of experience to which he had been exposed, and the necessity to be involved in productive flying may have tended at times to demand ability and skills which had not had sufficient time to become fully developed or consolidated"), the report says.

The report makes three recommendations arising from the accident:

1. Topdressing operators and especially trainee pilots pay particular regard to the Civil Aviation Safety Order concerning workload and pilot fatigue.
2. In all agricultural operations involving trainee and supervisory pilots; operators establish operational minima to ensure safety margins.
3. Installation of two-way radio equipment in aircraft used by trainee and supervisory pilots.

"Dad, what does it mean here by diplomatic phraseology?"

"My son, if you tell a girl that time stands still while you gaze into her eyes, that is diplomacy. But if you tell her that her face would stop a clock, you're in for it."

* * *

An Irishman told his wife, who is very forgetful to get a shin bone from the butcher's and have soup for supper.

On arriving home, after his hard day's work, he was delighted to find his wife did not forget the soup. So he said, "Nora, how did you happen to think of it?"

"Shuure I forgot the name of the bone when I went to the butcher's, so I lifted up my dress and pointed to my leg and he said:

"Oh, you want a shin bone?"

"Yes," sez oi.

"Well, begob, Nora," said Pat. "I will never send you for a rump steak."

* * *

The mess sergeant had received several complaints about the bread he was serving to our outfit.

"What are you fellows squawking about?" he demanded. "If Captain Cook had had that bread at Botany Bay he would have enjoyed eating it."

"Sure," agreed one young private. "It was fresh then."

* * *

The husband was home, having a sickie, when the phone rang, so he answered it.

"I don't know. This is not the Weather Bureau."

"Goodness," said his wife. "Who was that?"

"Oh, only some man with the wrong number. He wanted to know if the coast was clear."

* * *

The first night at home after a long trip, the salesman was teaching his young son to count.

"What comes after 10?" he asked.

"The man next door," replied the lad.

* * *

First Bowler: "What's up, mate? You look troubled."

Second Bowler: "Yeah! I'm going to be a father."

First B.: "Congratulations! But what is so terrible about that?"

Second B.: "Nothing, except my wife doesn't know it yet."

* * *

One sailor said to another: "You should see my new girl. Beautiful as a mirage."

"That's the wrong simile," said his literary-minded bunkmate. "A mirage is something you can see but can't get your hands on."

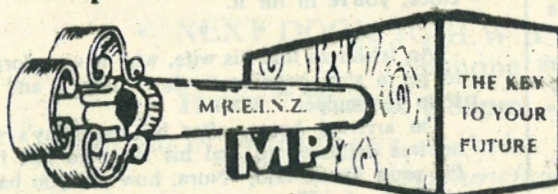
"That's my girl, all right," grinned the first sailor.

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PICTON RSA NEWS

The club continues to be busy with various events, or just as a friendly meeting place among members and visitors.

Once more the March social and dance proved thoroughly enjoyable to the music of Des York's band, and thanks to those responsible for supper arrangements and all those who turn out and give their support.

Make a note of the next two socials:

MAY 2 and JUNE 27
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Meantime, downstairs in the lounge the musical evenings by various members of the Sunseekers are much appreciated by all.

From various accounts of those who went on the Westport visit with the Sunseekers — and survived — two main points emerged.

Firstly, a thoroughly enjoyable weekend was experienced by all, and secondly, on future visits, it will be totally unnecessary to book any sleeping accommodation.

Our thanks go to Jim Topp and his men for the painting of flagpoles and also to Jim Maxwell and Norm Henderson for completing the re-roofing of the old part of the clubrooms. My own good intentions of helping in that area came to a sudden end after an argument with a fast-moving section of old roofing iron.

April 6 sees the opening of the indoor bowls once again, always well attended evenings, and the return from the March use of the billiard and pool tables was \$144, which proves their popularity, particularly on an "honesty box" system.

The Ex-Navalmen's function held at the club on March 14, was a terrific success, netting \$265 profit. The 100 people present

danced to Des York's band, which contributed largely to their enjoyment. Admiral Peter Phipps was unable to attend.

—CLIVE M. TAYLOR

Picton Women's Section

Eighteen members attended the meeting held on March 10, including a visitor from Marton, Mrs Bolton, who was welcomed by our president June Ireland.

Final arrangements were made for the shop day to be held the following week, and this turned out to be financially successful on the day and well rewarded the efforts of those members involved in any way.

The president farewelled Marjorie Harrison, who was shortly to leave for the Wellington region, and assured her of our good wishes for the future. Connie McKay won the raffle for March.

Margaret Charters and Joy Fredericks gave us a vivid and entertaining account of the visit to Westport and surrounding area by those who accompanied the Sunseekers Social Club. It would appear that peak physical fitness and the ability to last the distance with little, if any sleep, was a main requirement for a fun-filled weekend.

A note of sadness entered the month however. Towards the last days of March some of us attended the funeral of one of our older members, Lilian Rose Baker, whom we knew as "Nan." She had been hospitalised for about 15 months and peacefully unaware of her surroundings.

To her sons, James and Vern Wilmer, we extend our sympathy and retain memories of her that we knew as a sweet and gentle English lady who dearly loved her new country and the friends she so readily made.

—JOAN M. TAYLOR

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EXTRACTS FROM A BRIEF HISTORY

All through July we at Anzac had a comparatively quiet time. There was a steady drain of men lost in small affairs, sniped or caught by "Beachy Bill," but there was no considerable battle.

The sun grew hotter and hotter, and at midday burnt down with scorching heat. One clothed oneself for the most part in a decent coat of sunburn — for the rest, short pants, felt hat and boots sufficed.

With the heat came the flies — very venomous brutes. Flies formed a staple part of the Anzac's diet. One breathed flies, ate flies, drank flies. It was no use slaying them in their thousands, for they returned in tens of thousands. Rations were not good, and we suffered a good deal from lack of vegetables and fruits. Water was at a premium.

The stench arising from the great number of unburied, or only half-buried, dead was in some places almost unendurable. We began to experience the frightful monotony of war — wait, wait, wait — always on the alert — waiting, waiting, with scarcely one satisfying thing to do.

Dust, heat, stench, flies, vermin, thirst, monotony — friends smitten down in ones and twos, on carrying parties, sniped at breakfast, sniped while bathing, sniped during the watches of the night, or sniped just as they stood down; and then came the spectre of disease. Many men went down in June with diarrhoea, dysentery and enteric.

In July they were going down in scores.

Meanwhile, quietly and steadily, arrangements had been pressed forward for what was to be the great and final blow. Water was stored, shells and ammunition piled up, fresh men brought on shore and hidden away. Feint movements were made here and there. By the beginning of August all was ready. If the landing had been Australia's battle, the August fight was to be New Zealand's.

Hamilton's strategy was superb. A feint at helles was to hold the enemy in force there; a feint towards the Asiatic coast was to draw his reserves; a feint by the Australians on the right, and then by the

New Zealanders were to smash the ring on the left, unmask Saghli and Chalak Dere, advance and clear Chunuk Bair, and finally seize the crest of Sari Bair, and by so doing gain the most decisive victory of the war.

Two fresh divisions were to be flung ashore at Suvla Bay, and were to fall on the exposed flank of the outmanoeuvred enemy.

The Maori contingent had by this time joined up, and also the Fourth Reinforcements.

Nevertheless, the New Zealand Battalions were only about half full. Worse still was the fact that every man was ill, worn out by fighting, working, hard-living and sickness. Most of them were more fit for hospital than for the battlefield.

At 9pm on August 6th the Mounteds, with the help of the Maoris, attacked the foothills, and with the cold steel cleared old No. 3 Outpost, Big Table Top and Bauchop's Hill.

The valleys leading to the heights beyond were open and the assaulting columns swept up on to Chunuk Bair, taking prisoners and driving the enemy before them. So far all was going well, and the price, though heavy, was not excessive.

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On the slopes of Chunuk a bitter struggle gained further ground. There was a pause for re-organisation, and then on the morning of the 9th, very early in the morning, the last rush fought its way to the crest of Chunuk. A few were able to look over, and saw, a thousand feet below, the Dardanelles and Maidos, the first prize of victory.

No man could cross that bullet-swept crest; but it was enough; if we could but hold on, victory was assured.

All day long the ground was held by the weary remnant. Despite hunger and intolerable thirst, despite weariness and illness, they held on — held on in spite of dreadful losses.

Suvla Bay was clearly visible. The transports were lying close in. The new men must be on shore, and at any moment there would surely come a crash of firing from the left, and the enemy, outflanked, would be forced to retire in hopeless rout.

That succour never came; and at last the New Zealanders were withdrawn to snatch a little rest.

Part of the positions won in the attack were almost immediately lost by the relieving troops; and the New Zealanders brought back, counter-attacked, and to some extent restored the situation. The line was pitifully thin.

The Turk was reinforced and was pressing hard, but the exhausted men in little knots of twos and threes held him back, and he could not pass.

Once more, by a bold stroke against the reeling line, he tried to hurl us back into the sea. One moment the whole hillside was brown with his charging battalions. Next moment, caught by our machine-guns and field batteries, and the guns of the fleet, the whole mass broke in ruins.

Gradually the fury of the fight died down. The gains were organised, but the high places remained with the Turk. The one part of the plan which had miscarried — the failure of the troops who landed at Suvla — dashed all hopes to the ground.

On August 21, in conjunction with a main attack at Suvla against Chocolate Hill, the Mounteds again attacked at Hill 60, and after three successive attempts succeeded in occupying nearly the whole of this hill overlooking the plains towards Anafarta in the distance.

For five weeks more we hold our gains — although the numbers grew fewer and fewer every day. Many were killed or wounded.

The Beach and the Deres grew more and more dangerous. Dozens of men were every day sent away with dysentery or enteric. Every man was a walking skeleton.

At last, towards the end of September, those who were left of the New Zealand troops were brought off to Lemnos for a rest.

One transport, and that a small one, was sufficient to take us across. Five months before, the Main Body, perfectly trained, rejoicing in its strength, eager for battle, had left in its thousands to hurl itself like a thunderbolt on the Turkish lines.

And now, after the third, fourth and fifth reinforcements had joined up, together with the Maori contingent, all that could muster to the first parade were a few hundred worn-out men, clothed in rags and tatters, miserably thin, many of them too weak almost to stand.

Six week's rest, with decent food, light training, and the inclusion of the sixth reinforcements, made us once more a fighting force. November 9 saw us back once more on the Peninsula, holding the

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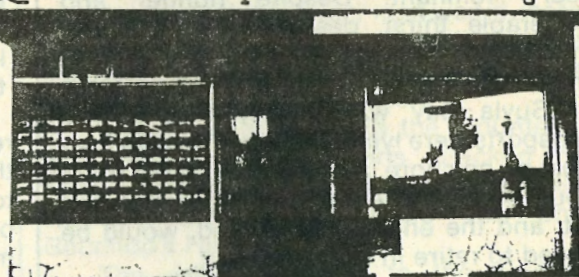
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Apex, Rhododendron and Cheshire Ridge. Six uneventful weeks, except for a cold snap, a fall of snow, and the gradual increase in the number of heavy howitzers with which "Johnny Turk" began to annoy us, and then suddenly, came the orders for evacuation.

They were not popular orders. We had gone through much, but we were ready to go through much more to gain a decisive victory.

When it came to picking the covering parties, the difficulty was not to obtain volunteers, but to choose the men; every one wished to stay until the last, although every one believed that the last parties would die for the safety of the first.

The night in December was a brilliant moonlight one. Away out to sea we could observe the dark shapes of the waiting boats.

In the clear moonlight we passed the graves at the top of Chalak Dere, and wound down the valley, past many a familiar spot. It was hard. We passed so many of the poor rough graves where sleep the flower of our manhood.

At last, silently, we turn round past the frowning Outpost Hill, down the long sap to the little pier beneath Walker's Ridge. There was no delay.

From the tall side of the transport one caught a last glimpse of the dark unconquered height of Sari Bair. It was the last of Anzac.

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AMENDMENTS TO LIQUOR ACT

MAJOR CHANGE

A number of changes are made to create new licences and alter the terms of old licences.

A major change has been made to the Tavernkeepers Licence which will allow licensed taverns to open on Sunday and to serve liquor to the public in conjunction with a substantial meal in a dining room on the premises.

Taverns will also be allowed to serve liquor on the same restricted basis to diners on Good Friday and Christmas Day.

Trading hours in respect of the dining part of the premises are extended to 9 a.m. through to 1 a.m. and a special dining permit is available under which trading can extend to 3 a.m.

It is important, however, to emphasise that the new provision does not allow supply of liquor in a bar or to persons other than those actually partaking of a meal in any room or place other than a bar.

CLUB LICENCE

The Sale of Liquor Amendment Act abolishes the general ancillary licence pursuant to which sporting clubs have since the 1976 amendment come into force been able to obtain a licence to sell liquor. In its place is substituted a club licence.

This new licence is available to any voluntary association of persons combined for purposes other

than gain, to promote (a) any sport or recreational activity on the part of its members or (b) the private social intercourse convenience and comfort of persons having either common occupational, educational, technical, sporting, recreational, philanthropic or cultural interests or having common cultural, ethnic, national or regional backgrounds.

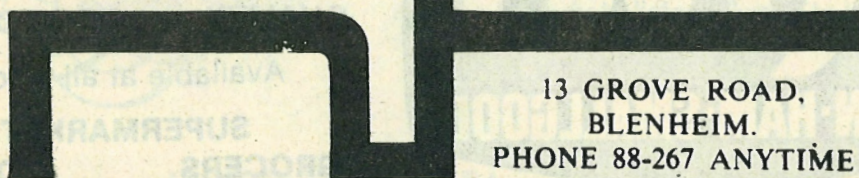
It is a condition of the licence that liquor consumption not become the predominant purpose for which persons attend the premises. Liquor may be consumed only by club members and invited guests and then only on days when club premises are used in good faith for club purposes, maintenance of facilities or club administration. Moreover the bar premises are not to be readily accessible to the general public.

The changes made for the new licence appear to be designed to remove statutory limitations on the permitted bar hours and trading days on which licensed club premises may sell liquor. These will still be matters for the Licensing Control Commission to decide on albeit perhaps with a rather wider discretion than it previously enjoyed.

Sports clubs and other holders of club licences may still be permitted by the Commission to trade on Sundays in which case the Commission fixes hours in accordance with a specific provision in the Act.

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There are no other new licences provided for in the legislation. The original Bill did contain provision for cafe licences, proprietary club licences (for clubs owned as businesses rather than by their members), and passenger licences (allowing sale of liquor on aircraft and ships) all of which were deleted from the Bill by Members of Parliament in the Committee stages.

The ship licence, however, remains allowing supply of liquor to passengers on licensed ships in the course of voyages and there has been an amendment to the terms of that licence which allows liquor supply on voyages that return to the place of departure rather than just on voyages between different places.

DRINKING UP

A standard drinking up time is now introduced of 30 minutes and involves a change from the previous 15 minutes.

Accordingly in respect of hotel and tavern premises while liquor sale and supply must still cease at 10 p.m. customers will have until 10.30 p.m. to leave the licensed premises.

MEMBERS

Provision is made for visitors to chartered clubs who are members of an affiliated club to drink in the club they are visiting.

In such circumstances liquor may be supplied to the visitors on the club premises even though the visitor is not present at the invitation of a member.

The only requirement is that the visitor be a member of an affiliated club.

ANZAC DAY PARADES AND MEMORIAL SERVICES, SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1981

BLenheim: Members of the RSA and the general public are invited to take part in the parade and Memorial Service at the War Memorial in Blenheim. Ex-servicemen will assemble at the Farmers/Haywrights building and the youth groups in Seymour Street behind Herkt and Martella at 10.30am. The service will commence at the War memorial at 11am or the Centennial Hall at 11am if wet. Guest Speaker is Major General B. M. Poananga, CB, CBE, Chief of the General Staff.

RSA members and the public are also invited to attend a short Memorial Service at the Servicemen's Plot, Omaka Cemetery, commencing at 12 noon, conducted by Padre Dickson, Senior Chaplain, Woodbourne.

TRANSPORT: Transport for those unable to march in the parade will be provided by the Army and will be positioned in front of the Borough Council Administrative Building. The vehicles will follow in the parade and march past and disembark at the RSA.



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PICTON: Members of the RSA and the public are invited to attend the Dawn Parade assembling at the Post Office at 5.45am. Wreaths may be placed on the Memorial during the service or at any time during the day.

HAVELOCK: A Memorial Service will be held at 10am and RSA members are to fall in with kindred organisations at 9.30am. Speaker: Captain Clark.

RAI VALLEY: RSA members and the public are invited to take part in the parade and Memorial Service at the War Memorial at 11am. A Salvation Army Band will be in attendance.

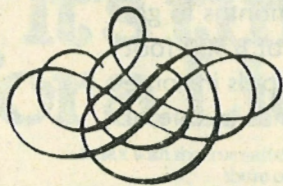
KAIKOURA: A Service will be held at the Memorial Hall at 11am. RSA members and kindred organisations will parade at West End at 10.30am and if wet at the Memorial Hall at 10.50am. A wreath-laying ceremony will be held at the Cenotaph, Garden of Memories, following the service. Guest speaker is Wing Commander Brian Knight, RNZAF.

AWATERE: A Dawn Parade will be held at the War Memorial, Seddon, at 6.15am. RSA members and kindred organisations will fall-in at 6am.

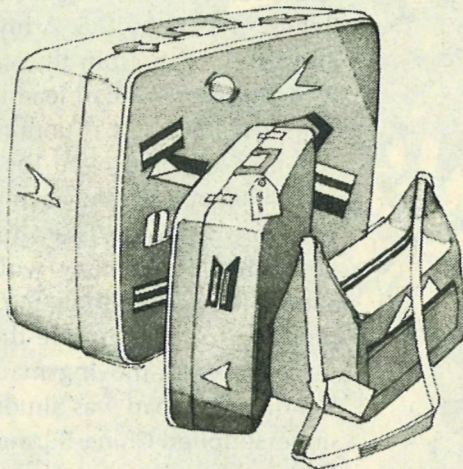
RENWICK: RSA members and kindred organisations will fall in at 8.45am for a service at the War Memorial commencing at 9am. Members of the public are invited to participate. Guest speaker is Squadron Leader John McLean, RNZAF.

FLAXBOURNE: A Memorial Service will be held at the Ward Town Hall, commencing at 11am.

SPRING CREEK: A Citizens' Service will be held at the Spring Creek Hall commencing at 9am. Guest Speaker is Squadron Leader Alan Herd, RNZAF.



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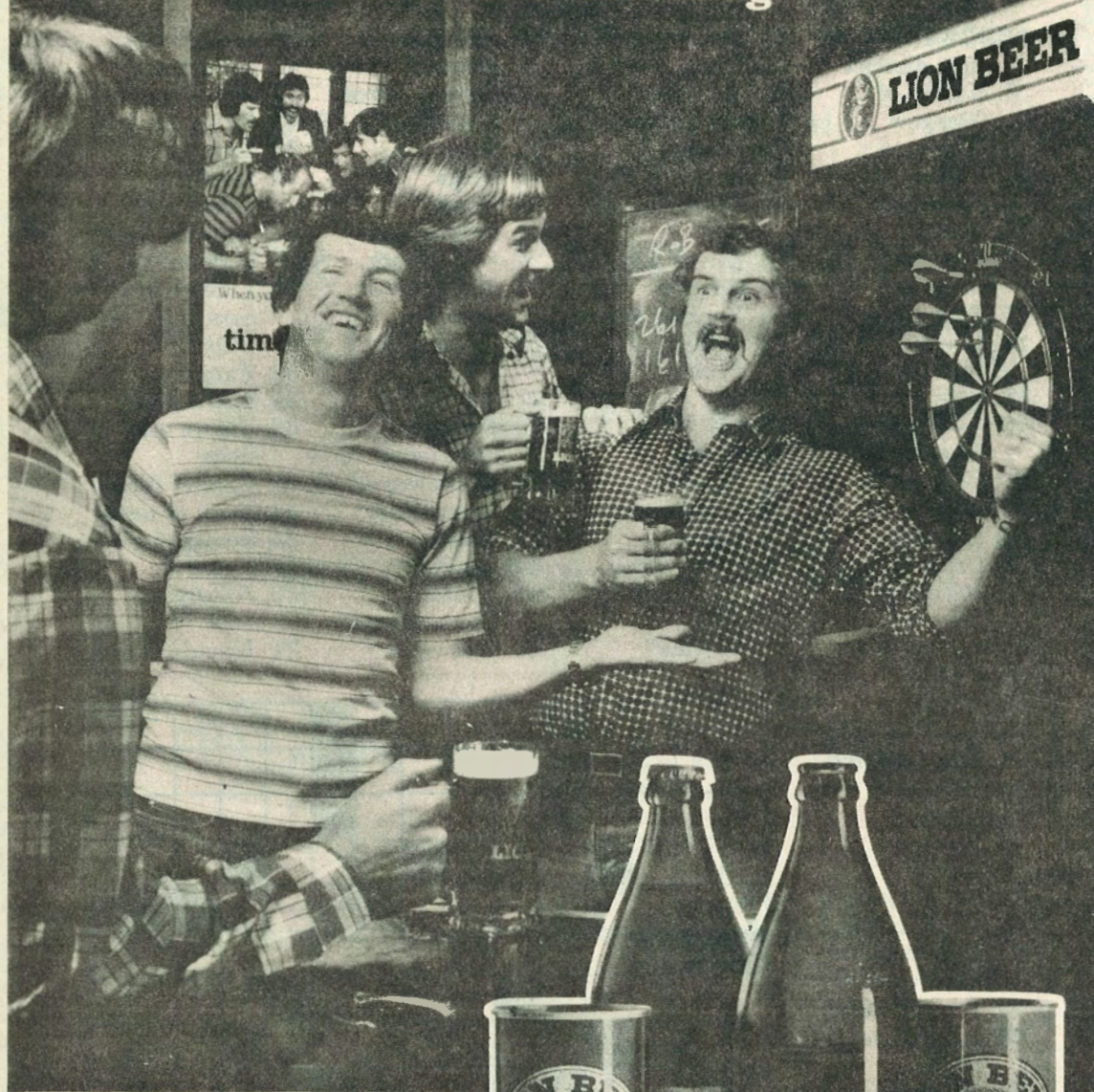
"An immense, laborious task, unlikely to be finished until the need for it had passed" was Winston Churchill's terse appraisal of the controversial Ledo-Burma Road project. Begun in 1942 by U.S. Army engineers, the project seemed an impossibility from the start. First, the stretch of the old, war-torn Burma Road leading east 600 miles from Mong Yu in north Burma to Kunming in China would have to be repaired and improved for all-weather travel. Then a new 500-mile road would have to be carved out of the wilderness from Ledo in Assam to Mong Yu. But if the two roads could be joined, they would provide a crucial overland supply route from India to China, as well as a pathway for a pipeline to fuel gasoline-thirsty bombers and fighters.

Heavy earth-moving machinery of the type needed for building the road was almost nonexistent in the perennially undersupplied China-Burma-India Theater. The engineers—mostly black Americans—were forced to rely on light D4 bulldozers, which would bravely push up against a great stand of bamboo, one engineer later recalled, "as a puppy dog might nip at the heels of a 500-pound boar." To make matters worse, 80 per cent of the region through which the engineers had to cut their way was—at least, theoretically—in enemy hands. As work on the road progressed, bulldozers frequently carried a man riding shotgun to guard against snipers; nevertheless, some 130 engineers were killed by the Japanese. Diseases, drownings, crashes of supply planes and construction accidents claimed the lives of hundreds more. It was said without exaggeration that the road was being built at the cost of "a man a mile."

All told, 28,000 engineers and 35,000 native workers labored for more than two-years to complete the combined Ledo-Burma Road—known officially as the Stilwell Road. Churchill was not far wrong: by the time the \$150-million highway was finished the war had only seven months to go. But the road's construction—along the edges of 8,500-foot defiles, down steep gorges and across raging rapids in some of the world's most impenetrable jungles—stands as one of the great engineering feats of World War II.

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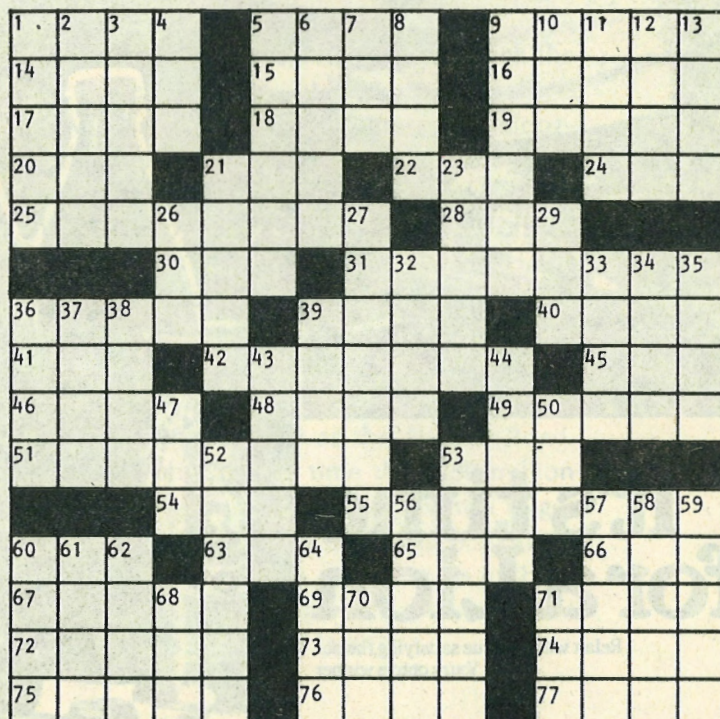
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16. Female relative
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18. Use a bicycle
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20. — out; uses frugally
21. Convert to leather
22. Damage
24. Groove
25. Recently married person
28. Fuel
30. Whole quantity
31. Huge animal
36. Undried raisin
39. Stretch across
40. Great Lake
41. Beam of light
42. Becomes less hardhearted
45. Frozen water
46. Long time (colloq.)
48. Cooked enough
49. Conceals
51. Overwhelmed
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54. Before (prefix)
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63. Donkey
65. Tear
66. And not
67. Accumulate
69. Nasty
71. Spy — Hari
72. Cone-shaped tent
73. Leave out
74. Singles
75. Express scorn
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77. Bunks

DOWN

1. Wives
2. Similar
3. Stitch again
4. Period
5. Stretch out carelessly
6. "The — Mutiny"
7. Antique
8. Abound
9. Open a parcel
10. Shoofly —
11. Burn
12. Beige
13. Exam
21. Actress Mary — Moore
23. Representative
26. Drink like dog
27. Relies
29. Female mentioned
32. Narrow road
33. Desertlike
34. Pleasant
35. Golf pegs
36. Snatch
37. Furious anger
38. Yes votes

39. Blackthorn
43. Borders
44. Not blunt
47. Drink by bits
50. Evil
52. Rubbery pencil top
53. Applies pigment to
56. Line of RR cars
57. Silly
58. Famous
59. Lawn plant
60. Tigers and lions
61. Sign of future
62. Back of neck
64. Smoky fog
68. View
70. Nonflying bird
71. Unruly crowd



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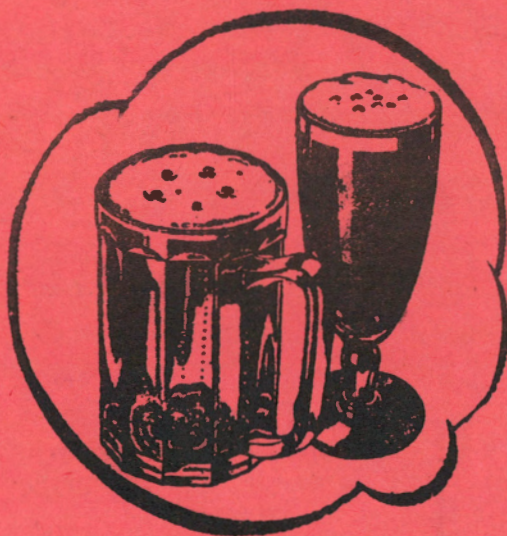


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