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editorial

With no immediate re-trenchment of the Monitor staff imminent or libel suits pending it seems we are destined to survive for another edition.

We are particularly grateful to the patient, painstaking 'I.P.C.' staff who steer us through our production problems; without them, there could be no Monitor. We are also grateful for the flood of suggestions (some of them physically impossible) for future editions.

It may be that our tiny embryo will grow to maturity and establish a place in the life of "CERBERUS" if so, we are proud to be associated with its birth.

We wish to emphasise that Monitor is your news sheet; to keep it this way we ask for ideas, letters, photos, cartoons and in fact anything of interest especially if it has a CERBERUS flavour.

Good buzzes make good reading so don't hesitate to dob your mate in..... we'll keep mum about the source of the information.

With almost 200 Lady-Sailors in CERBERUS we expect a substantial contribution from the woman's angle.....after all some of the angles ARE quite interesting.

Buzzes!

A 2 ACT NAVAL COMEDY

CAST	SCENE
Hirsute Gentleman	Roadside at night
Ambulance driver	Inverted V.W.
(WRAN MTD)	Passing Ambulance
	Hirsute leaning
	against V.W.,
	drinking from can

Act 1: Ambulance driver sees Hirsute chappie leaning against upside down V.W., pulls up, takes chappie on board.

Hirsute: "Are you, hic!, a Pussers' ambulance ???"

WRAN MTD: "Yes sir."

Hirsute: "Then, hic! get a hair cut."

WRAN MTD: "Will do sir."

Act 2: CENSORED.

A prominent member of the Lapidary Club out on a GEMKANA pounced with glee on a gleaming red rubyAssay report "Slightly sucked jelly bean."

Advert. in a local bar:
There's a job in this missile age
Navy for you MINE.

A new gent arrived at the Wardroom together with wife and baggage so what? you ask but then he demanded the key to his flat ?? We wonder what a Skipper's re - action would have been if his first posting had been to sea.??

We think a couple of our Lady Sailors carried the hosting of the Inter-Service Sport a bit far when they infiltrated the Infantry Lines at the Rifle Range during the most recent manoeuvres.

A Leading WRAN being married in June and honeymooning at Surfers Paradise has ordered a Sun Lamp to take with her she may have advanced information about an extended eclipse....??

A brand new Fang Bosun keen to try his sea legs, joined the BUCCANEERS for the run to Sydney.

How did he make out.???

We'll keep that "Under our 'at".

DEPOT PERSONALITY



CWRSN E.M. GEISLER

Chief WRAN Geisler was born and educated in JERVOIS, a small town in South Australia; she joined the Service in July 1951.

Our Personality trained at H.M.A.S. CERBERUS where she served in Naval Stores for 5 unbroken years.

By the time Ella was to receive her first posting she had been promoted to the rank of Petty Officer.

From CERBERUS our Personality went to PENGUIN where she worked in Naval Stores for a year returning to CERBERUS where she was given a break from store-keeping to become Recruit WRANS Divisional Petty Officer.

Ella had a yearning for her store-keeping job again, so she went back to Stores at CERBERUS thence to PENGUIN for another year.

Things weren't going too well in TORRENS about this time. Our Personality found herself in TORRENS -

"putting the house in order".

From TORRENS back to PENGUIN thence to CERBERUS in 1960; Ella was promoted to Chief Petty Officer soon after her arrival back to CERBERUS. Our Personality has been here for the past 10 years.

In 1966 Ella was awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal; the first WRAN to ever receive this award, a testimony to 15 years of faithful store-keeping.

It is doubtful if CERBERUS guarded the infernal regions as religiously as Our Personality, keeps her stores records.

IT IS BETTER TO BE TWENTY MINUTES LATE FOR AN APPOINTMENT IN THIS WORLD THAN TWENTY YEARS EARLY FOR ONE IN THE NEXT.



Here lies the body of
Thomas O'Day
Who died defending
his right of way.
There's no doubt he was
right as he drove along.
But he is just as dead
as if he'd been wrong!

DRIVERS' THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Remember when driving that the right of way is something to which you may be entitled, but unless it is given to you it is not worth having!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Men are not likely to win the battle of the sexes. There's too much fraternising with the enemy.

LETTERBOX



Dear Editor,

I am a country girl and I was thrilled recently to be invited aboard one of your Navy Ships in Melbourne.

This nice sailor took me around the ship and in one very dark place he said he would show me the last rivet he put in the ship.

This ship was all welded, was he having me on????

Ella.

Dear Ella,

No!! our boy was serious. Ed.

Dear Editor,

I've been running a "book" for years and I've made so much money that I find my conscience is worrying me to such an extent I can't sleep at night, thinking about those poor sailors who have lost their money and all the tax I haven't paid. How can I appease my conscience.....???

Annex.

Dear Annex,

Just leave an envelope under my door. Ed.

Dear Editor,

I am very much in love with a shy modest young Midshipman and we are going to be married.

He has told my father that he will be an Admiral before long.

How can I help him to overcome his shyness and modesty for this responsible job.

Madeleine.

Dear Madeleine,

You'll just have to learn to live with it. Admirals are shy and modest.

Ed.

Dear "Windy"

Sorry but we cannot answer that type of letter in this column. Ed.



"No, I will NOT meet you in the "Hasto" for a "Tasto" tonight.

Shooting for a Birdie



Golfers are noted for their dedication, enthusiasm, divorce rate, untidy gardens and lack of ability to count above 6.

Our camera snapped this fanatical follower of the Ancient Cult of St. Andrew shooting for a Birdie on the second.



CLUBS AND SPORTS

australian rules

Navy suffered a set-back when they lost S/V. Lindsay Edgerton to Geelong; - however we wish him every success in the Big League.

Social activities have boosted funds and the Club goes into the 1970 - season with a healthy 'kitty'.

There's a potent line-up of talent in both the 1st and 2nd 18's.

We are expecting big things from AB. 'Tas' Mason and ORDEM. Chris Booth.

rugby

Players are being kept on their toes as selectors for the Victorian - Combined Services proul the side-lines at each game. RCT. S.A.P. Roach, with experience in Sydney clubs has proved more than useful around the packs.

Arrangements are under way for tour of Wagga by the under 18's to play the - Air Apprentices.

It's been rumoured that a tour of New Zealand is a possibility during the June leave.

basket ball

Postings have devastated a winning combination but fighting spirit still prevails and WTR. Brian Eagles, - ORDEM John Skinner and LSPTI. 'Spike' Jones are battling to hold the team together.

ORDWM 'Nipper' Turner is still a tower of strength under the basket. We go into the Grand Final for a chance at the Pennant.

golf



"THIS IS ONE OF THE TOUGHER HOLES"

lapidary club

Budding Lapidarists are invited to contact Lt. Murphy...PT Officer and Fellow of the Gem Association of Australia.

Owing to postings, the Club has some vacancies. Classes in Gem cutting and polishing are conducted by arrangement two nights a week in the club rooms in 'G' Block next to the Barbers Shop.

ten pin bowling

The CERBERUS Ten Pin Bowling Club, plays every Wednesday afternoon Bowls, that is .. Lt. Dave Walsh presides over activities and was ably assisted by LSFC. Jim Curry until he went to sea in APRIL. WRAN. CK. 'Siddy' Sydenham is the Secretary Treasurer.

Club members are especially grateful to Jim Curry for the time and effort he has put into organising the club.

The Club welcomes new members and meets in the 'Buttery' at the Dennis after Bowls.

car club

LCDR JEANS is the new Vice Pres. of the Car Club and inhabitants of the Gear Box Jungle can look forward to some new ideas ... their own version of the Rally Cross Motor-Khana even.

New members are welcome and you don't have to own a set of wheels just pick yourself a Lady with a Lotus and you do the navigating.

darts

The Junior sailors No.1. team is on top of the Peninsula Darts League Chart with no defeats so far. The Junior sailors second team is undefeated.

Players chalking up a formidable record are LSWM 'Prez' Przetocki in the 1st's and LEM. 'Darkie' Pember for the 2nds.

A third Junior sailors team has been formed and total membership exceeds 50.

We weren't sure what sport POCK. 'Bubbles' Cunningham played but we've found he throws a deadly dart, closely followed by POQMG. Peter Burnett.

Chief Steward Jock Fyvie is having some difficulty encouraging the Ancient Mariners to leave their wheel chairs to face the dart board.....Keep trying Jock.