

BOARDING AND LANDING

"The last bloke I knew that had to do this suddenly had the fright of his life when an irate Jap appeared out of a hatchway, and took a ruddy great swipe with a ruddy great sword that fortunately only managed to slice off one ear."

That pleasant thought flashed through Frankie's mind as his Harry Tate Boarding Party very slickly boarded on their very first occasion. It was a sunny afternoon during a pleasant cruise to Hong-Kong when Cavalier hauls out of the line and leaves the Fleet, to act independently. Her job was the investigation of an apparently derelict Chinese Drifter which was eagerly watched by the remainder of the Fleet.

Cries of "Ahoy There", on the Loud Hailer evoked no responses. Try it in Chinese, send for a Steward. The language for hailing derelicts is apparently universal and "Hoy" from the Steward had no better results than "Ahoy". Frankie and his Harry Tates confirmed the Drifter abandoned.

The remainder of the Fleet then made a signal, "Act in accordance with some very obscure Q.R. and AI"

Intelligent and intensive research in the matter disclosed we were to sink the cause that spoilt our peaceful afternoon.

"How will you do it Guns?"

"H.E. from 'B' Gun Sir".

"How many rounds?"

" 'Bout ten Sir".

If he doesn't Sir, can I have a go with the Squid?"

"How long to get ready?"

No Answer.

Guns, very much on his dignity, and ears burning,

"Close up normal B Guns crew,
Captain of the mounting, sightsetter,
Layer, Mr. Francis.
Trainer, G.I.
officer of Quarters, Gunnery officer.
Remainder, loading."

22 Minutes and 24 shells later it was sunk.
And then, oh dear, somebody said don't.
But it was alright, we found out we had to—
but quickly.

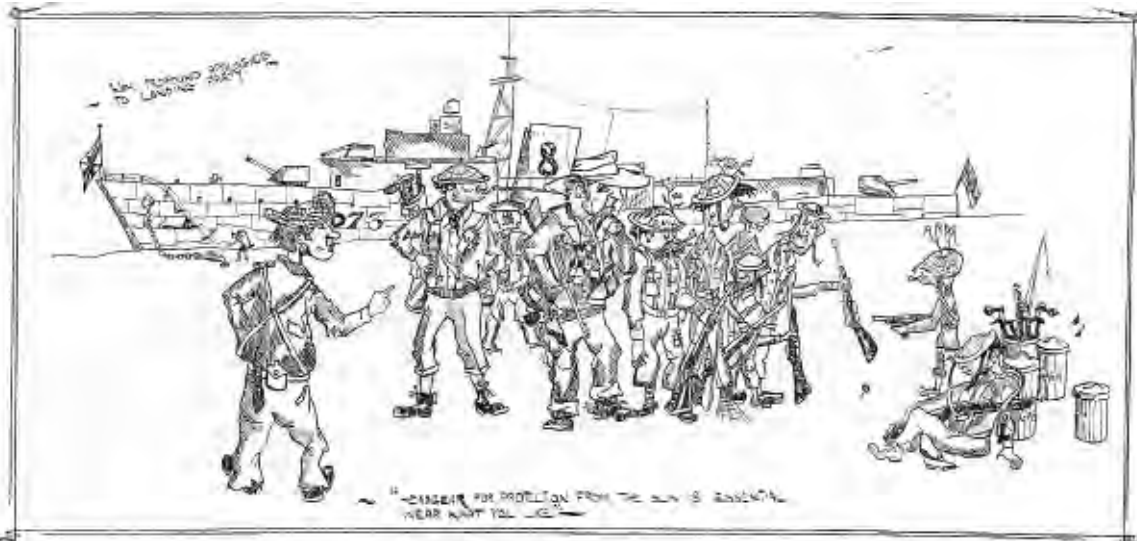
We won't say very much about the
second derelict,
Here I am at range nought, nought,
five,
My bottom pointing to the sky,
Shell me, sink me, how you do try,
Round after round, I still survive.
George has a go,
Frankie too.
Guns is as bad,
Captain sad.
Give in and sink,
Hit, they think.

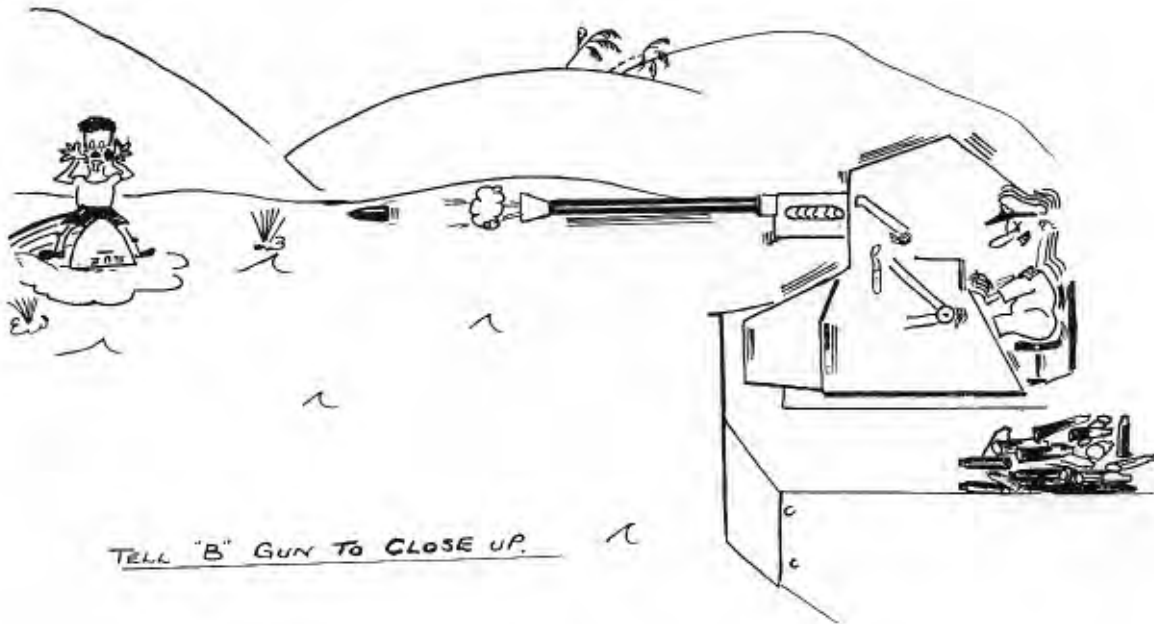




When Frankie and his Harry Bates quelled Captain D's mutiny I can't understand why they didn't get a recommend for not interfering with that important and much needed task going on on the Ship's side. Perhaps they would have got Len out of ten had they joined up with them.

It had been my misfortune to see some motley lots of Matelots in my time trying to ape the Soldiers, but nothing quite so awe-inspiring as Cavalier's Company resolute and war-like setting off to invade Stonecutters. Wonder if the birds were frightened. I thought I'd seen everything then but I didn't know the Persian Gulf was to come and the astonishing array of attire "Any Headgear" would produce.





I have to admit being impressed by the ferocious bayonet charge on the Butts at Stonecutters and seeing you all trying your utmost to become one with Mother Earth as you crawled to your objective under withering Bren fire.

Finally we have to hand it to Pincher Martin for winning the Beer by reaching his objective unseen, through the brilliant expedient of commandeering a Malayan Bus, including the passengers, embussing his section, and riding there.

SIVIS PACEM PARA BELLUM ??

ANSWERS TO EASY CROSSWORD

DOWN ...1) Compass On. 2) 0.1). 3) Solitaire. 4) Ice. 5 and 8) Christmas Island. 6) see 10 across. 7) Agnes. 13) East. 15) Us. 16) Or. 17) Darn. 21) Elan. 22) Lung. 23) Tigers. 26) Carat. 27) Suva. 30) Eddy. 32. Gay.

ACROSS ...1;) C.O. 3) Sick Bay. 9) Doc. 10 and 6 down) Hong-Kong. 11) U.S. 12) Me. 14) R.N. 17) Digs. 18) E.R.A. 19) As. 20) T.A.S. 22) L.S.T. 24) Start. 25) Lucid. 28) In. 29) Manage. 31) our Gang. 33) Red. 34) Eastward. 35) Navy Rum. 36) T.S.

Form D.73.

Issued by the Admiralty for all parents and friends of the young men serving in the Malayan area and Far East station.

This is to certify that Rate is served with notice to return to his home, This note is issued for guidance.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Soon the above mentioned rating will once more be in your midst, De-hydrated, Demoralised and Demobbed, to take his place once more as a human being with freedom and justice for all, to be engaged in life, liberty and somewhat delayed pursuit of happiness.

In making your joyous preparations to welcome him back into organised society you must make allowances for the crude environment which has been his lot for some time.

In a word he may be a little Asiatic, suffering from Malayanitis or a little too much "Yam Sing", (A local Malayan beverage.)

Therefore show no alarm if he prefers to squat on his haunches instead of sitting in a chair, insists on removing his shoes before entering a house, or has gravy on his dessert, or mixes peaches and mashed potatoes together. Don't worry if he uses Chop-sticks to eat his meals, or if he insists on sleeping in the raw Ahem . . . in the nude. Try to be tolerant when he removes the mattress from the bed and places it on the floor to sleep.

It should be realised that he is the same sweet natured, even tempered young man of former days. Superficial changes have inevitably taken place. If, in being awoken for his breakfast, he uses strong expletives in making known his desires that you should leave him alone, don't be alarmed, it is quite normal and will in time die away (we hope).

Should he, however, not wait for any form of awakening, but creep stealthily into the bathroom, complete a scanty toilet, and putting on his clothes rushes downstairs and stands erect on the front lawn, dressing by the right from the Apple tree, feet apart. Gently lead him back to bed with the repeated whispers, "Go back to bed Darling, Father doesn't want a Parade this morning." Such things will instill in his mind that these things are in the bitter past.

If whilst at the meal table he applies himself to a knife and fork in such a way as is reminiscent of a Navy handling a pick and shovel, pay no attention, he will in time assimilate that he is once more in the presence of rational human beings. If after the evening meal he furtively takes tea, bread and jam to his room and there consumes it whilst perusing a lively magazine, ignore it.

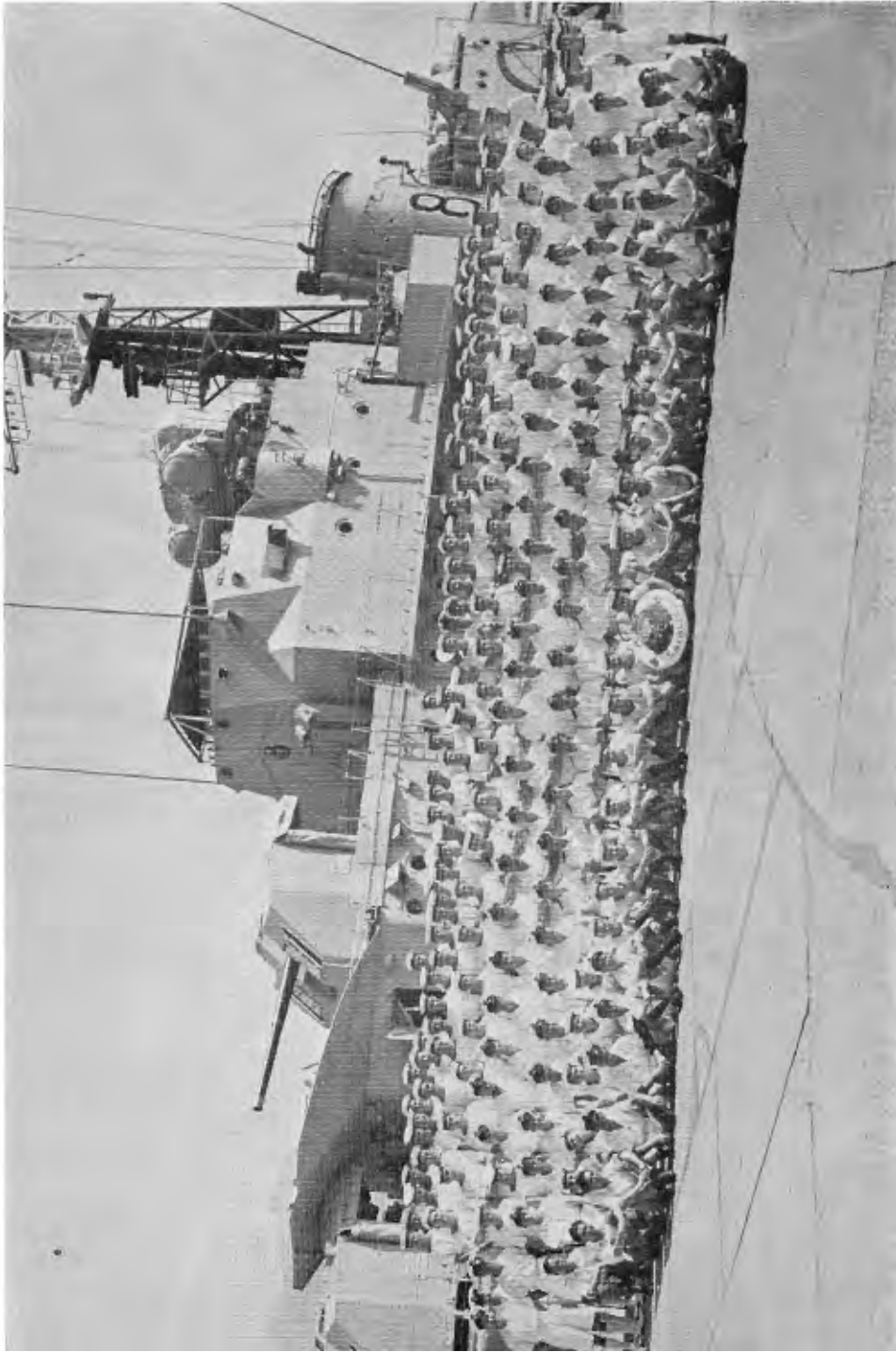
If when walking the streets he emits, wolf like, a howl at a pretty girl pay no heed, he is love starved.

Upon telling a respectable shopkeeper that he is a "Black faced robbing B" explain the situation, and get him out of the shop immediately.

If at odd moments he drops off to sleep clad in a towel and wakes up muttering something about the &£@%??? ! weather, press on, the tenancy will pass. Never ask him why the chap down the road has a higher rank than him, and never pass flattering remarks about either the Army or the R.A.F. in his presence. Keep a firm grip on him in the presence of young ladies, his intentions will be sincere if not honourable. Keep in mind that beneath that sun-tanned rugged exterior there beats a heart of gold. That will be the only thing of value he has left.

Treat him with kindness, tolerance and an occasional quart of liqueur. In time you will be able to rehabilitate that which remains of the young man that you once knew.

Tempus Fugit: BY COMMAND OF THEIR LORDSHIPS.



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