

# SPORT, SOCIAL, WELFARE, NEWS.

We have tried to keep this issue of the Sport, Social Welfare News fairly brief as rumours have reached the Headquarters Staff department that the Brigade are overworked due to grass fires. Never mind, when it is all over you can tell your grandchildren you were one of "The Few".

Content arriving in this department is still 90% unprintable, but all good stuff - keep it coming.

The Staff department will be understaffed for the next few weeks, primarily because its mainstay is on annual leave, and the remainder would be obliged if paperwork and telephone calls could be kept to a minimum.

## SPORT

### Cricket

Since the last newsletter the Brigade have played 3 games, winning 2 and losing the 3rd. The team beat Harvey's in a very close game, lost to B.O.C.M. in a low scoring game and then beat Somerset in a S.W. Area Knockout Match.

By beating Somerset, it would seem that Avon have now won the S.W. Area Knockout League, but with the careful planning that goes into Fire Brigade Sports administration, the last games of the 1976 season will probably be played in 1978, although Somerset were very good, they were only  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour late in arriving.

### Golf

Les Watts is through to the National final of the Fire Brigade Knockout tournament for the 2nd year running. Brian Love has to play Mick Adrain to see who is the other representative. Brian Love finished 2nd in last year's final.

The Brigade require more players including non-handicap players, so anyone interested should contact Les Watts A1 or Cec Cox B6. The main problem with the Brigade team is the numbers are tight for forming an 8 man team.

### Angling

The Angling section has a boat going out from Minehead on Tuesday the 24th August and with luck should have more success than the last which was cancelled through lack of support. The Angling Club Secretary is wondering if the weather keeps up will we be catching tuna or sail fish before long. The teams have also been picked for the National competition.



## Football

The Brigade are running two sides this season, a Saturday side, and a Wednesday side. The Saturday team will be playing home fixtures at Backwell recreation ground and the fixtures for September are:-

1st	Patchway O/B	Away	1830 hours
7th	Barr United	Home	1830 hours
11th	Thornbury	Away	1500 hours
18th	Glenside St. Gabriels	Home	1500 hours
25th	Eagle House	Away	1500 hours

The Wednesday team will play home matches at Muller Road recreation ground and their fixtures for September are:-

8th	Police 'B'	Away	1500 hours
15th	Police 'A'	Home	1500 hours
22nd	Clifton Wednesday	Away	1500 hours
29th	Home Pride	Home	1500 hours

A meeting is being held at A1 Temple on September the 9th at 2000 hours which all players old and new who are interested in playing are invited to. Any queries regarding football can be made to Sandy Powell A2 Southmead.

## Darts

Information has been received from the 'A' Division Sports Committee that the 'A' Division Darts final will be held on the 24th September at A2 Southmead.

With the increased circulation of this production we have found it necessary to employ additional correspondents and there follows a report from our Northern Territories correspondent C.C. Lappin-Taylor.

## Extinct Animal Sighted

Scientists and historians of the Avonga government research establishment at Yata have this week been investigating reports that a Chief, long thought to be extinct, has been seen prowling the scrublands in the area around Tornbairii, Northern Avonga. The chief is a derilect species of mammalian biped which fulfils no useful purpose other than acting as a means of control. It's name is an object of fear which is dangled above the heads of the natives like the sword of Damoclese. It gave birth to many of the native sayings, such as "Let's have none of your lip or you'll be up before the Chief" and "Pull your socks up or the Chief will get to hear about this". These sayings were often used over the centuries to devastating effect. I have seen more than one native tribesman, cower beneath his primitive fire helmet at the very mention of the animal's name.

The last Chief to be seen in this country, according to tribal chronicles, was forced to flee to safer climes by the persecution of the cannabilistic tribes of the Britolo area, four hundred years before the Republic of Avonga came into being. Extensive tests are being made and a search is being carried out in an area of bush covering one hundred square miles around Tornbairii, a provincial town in the northern territories, but scientists hold out little hope. A senior official told me "There is not much chance of finding a living Chief in the bush. The species has never been known to populate or even visit the northern territories because the area's hostile climate is known to interfere with the animal's respiratory processes.



However, our analysis of the information received leads us to suspect that the animal which was seen may have been the rare Ado do or even the more uncommon DoDo".

C.C. LAPPIN-TAYLOR, NORTHERN TERRITORIES,  
AUGUST 13TH.

### Rumour

There is some truth in the rumour that Mel Denman and the "cast" of White Watch at A2 Southmead are joining Equity!

### Overheard on the Radio

Message from Bill Plenty sent via a probationary fireman

QG from A31 from Station Officer Plenty - Stop for ..... False Alarm  
Malicious - Alfa 31 over

Alfa 31 from QG from Station Officer Plenty - Stop for ..... False Alarm  
Malicious - Correct QG over.

QG from Alfa 31 Okey Dokey - Alfa 31 over !!!

Alfa 31 from QG - You put your left leg in .....

### 'GREEN FINGERS?'

Many Ex Bristol F.P.O's will remember in admiration the hundredweights of grapes grown in Bishopston by a now retired Senior Officer.

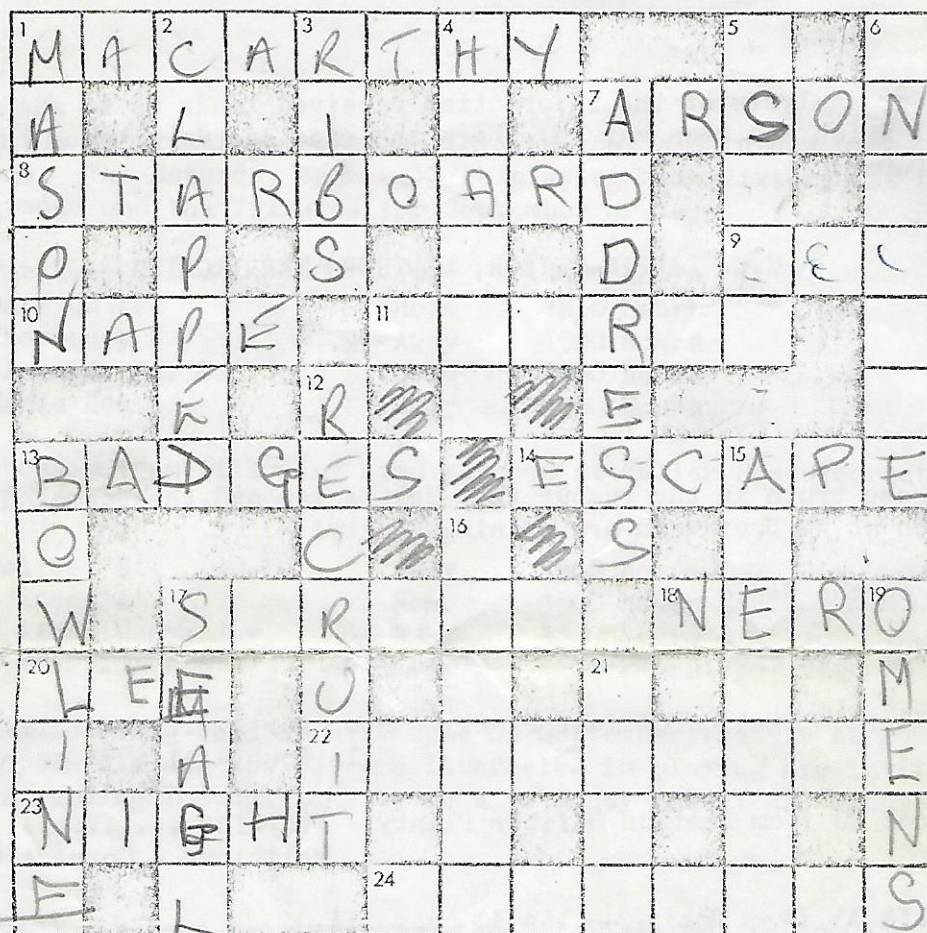
It now appears that in C Division, we have a gardener of equal repute who every night talks at great length to his tomatoes. Although "hundredweights" are not mentioned, they are all described as "Great Big Ones". Unfortunately, to date (16th August 1976) they have all been green!!!!

So, if anyone would like "Great Big" green Welsh flavoured tomatoes for chutney, contact F.J.W. 'C' Division.

### Love Letter

WHEN stars desert the night time skies,  
CAN my sweet words dry tears from your eyes,  
I lay me down to dream of you,  
SLEEP will not come and I feel blue,  
WITH trembling lips the question I pose,  
YOU cannot see it I suppose?  
AGAIN let your eye read down the prose.





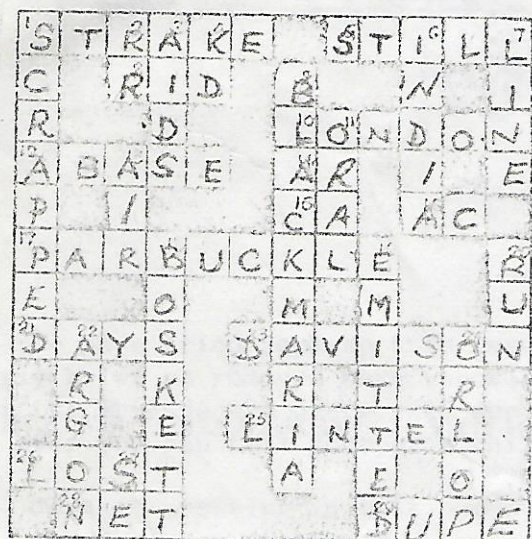
# Across

1. The Guv'nor (8)
7. Should be borne in mind when investigating the cause (5)
8. Denoted by a green light (9)
9. Fairly slippery customers (3)
10. Part of the neck protected by your helmet (4)
11. Can be said to be extreme fear (6)
13. Any one of four may be worn, but soon should be one (6)
14. Most are now steel, but some others remain (6)
17. Neighbouring Chief (6)
18. The first fireman to fiddle? (4)
20. Opposite to the windward side (3)
22. One of the properties of Ethyl fluid according to 6.c. (9)
23. A dark shift? (5)
24. Noel in French petrols (8)

# Down

1. One who builds in stone (5)
2. Applauded (7)
3. We have a number of them in our bodies (4)
4. Could be the aim at a job (or in the Conference Room!) (6)
5. According to Book 1 of the Manual Ethyl Acetate is one (5)
6. A colourless oily liquid, inflammable, used in preparation of dyes etc. (7)
7. Submit an A/47 if it changes (7)
12. We all were one once (7)
13. You should be able to tie this with your eyes closed (7)
15. A vessel of glass or metal, formerly used in distillation (7)
16. Carried out nationally at intervals (6)
17. According to Bde.O. 2, this fire is reported on K433H (5)
19. Said to be signs of future events (5)
21. Occupants probably will do this from fire (4)





Last months' solution.

### Oscar Nomination for A2

Following their recent television success, the "Southmead All Stars" have been nominated for an Oscar award for their remake of "Towering Inferno", renamed "Smouldering Blaise".

The programme shown on B.B.C. Points West failed to show any credits and so we decided to produce them below.

Station Officer	Reg "Hoss" Andrews
Sub Officer	Graham "Bleeding Stone" Watkins
Leading Fireman	Geoff "Duke" Wilkins
Fireman	Ian "Sundance" Southerly
Fireman	Dicky "World of Sport" Davis
Fireman	Ben "For a few dollars more" Hollier
Fireman	Chris "Bugsy Malone" Cummings
Fireman	Roger "Columbo" Hartley

Technical commentary by Mel "Ooco Nasty" Denman.

Fire Station by courtesy of Laings  
 Fire Engine by courtesy of E.R.F.  
 Make-up by Max Factor  
 Continuity by Izal

Designers:- 'A' Division F.P. Plan Drawing Department.  
 Music by:- Plenty and Williams  
 Choreographers:- Members of Brigade Headquarters Formation Dance Team  
 Production Assistant:- Big Eval  
 Producer:- Ian Hamilton

Filmed at Boreham Southmead Studios and on location.

The film cleverly pointed out the lesser known qualities of firemen; qualities like woodsmanship, golf, bell ringing and eating off table cloths.

Well done A2 - I know fame will not change you!



# "THE SPIRES" GUEST HOUSE

## NOTICE TO GUESTS

### FIRE

IN THE EVENT OF FIRE

YELL

EVACUATE THE BUILDING BY THE NEAREST AVAILABLE  
FLUFFY ROPE

DO NOT Run — This tends to cause PAIN/C

DO NOT Delay Evacuation to collect personal  
belongings

DO NOT Jump. — You may find that something  
goes BOLOOING!

DO NOT Dress — This spoils the fireman's Fun

DO NOT PASS GO

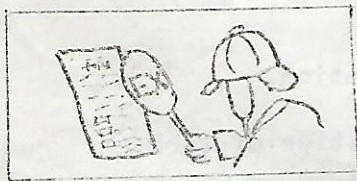
DO NOT COLLECT. £ 2.00



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