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Dear Mr. Reeve,

Enclosed is a copy of our
weekly issue, which we get out of
Head Quarters just to try and vary
our sometimes gloomy existence. This is
not a very clear copy, but there is such
a rush for them that I only had a couple
left. Our Interpreter is the artist;
The burlesque letter sketches are quite
good reproductions of the original here.

I had a letter from Capt. Bean
yesterday and will see him in a day
or two. He is not far from where I
am trying to hide from the hungry
booms. I received quite a nice bundle
of "Herald" yesterday — 26 in all.

Best wishes to friends,

Yours
Rance

Have you a ticket to spare
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THE HEADQUARTERS PERISCOPE

The first Australian illustrated paper issued at the front
Monday: July 3rd 1916



Our Editor MR SAMUELS having his
daily Ditch-bath.....
..... Sometimes unexpected!

A LULLABY ON LANGUAGE

We have noticed how Bill Wearing
Cultivates the art of swearing
For he surely understands it very well;
It must shock poor modest "Curly"
Most unfortunately "girlie"
And I'm sure it has effect on "Redie" too.

Now for instance take Jack Shaw
Sergeant Savage and Tom...
You never hear these gentlemen blaspheme,
But Sergeant "Tom" and Footman Smith
Are the worst you could be with
For their language is "vicious" in the extreme.

Why the "dam" won't keep afloat,
Punter Smith's not too polite,
And Franky's cursing fairly knocks you
But when Barrigan "gins" I flat
Call on him, he easily wins,
He beats Solomon & Chambers on his ^{pat}.

You should hear that fellow Hoyle,
His "dam" cursing makes you boil,
And Nigger "Dora" is sure to get a
For "Dora" and Young Davey
Who learned theirs whilst in the Navy
Well, Headquarters has a problem to ^{face}

Let this not ill-timed advice
From "The Periscope" suffice
That your language should be what it ^{ought to be}
Or you'll find from the C.O.
These few simple words will flow,
That you're all "fixed" misty even
Days F.P.

In order to give satisfaction to a great
number of our so sympathetic readers
we are giving next page a few
names of our Head Office. The
buildings have been provided by the
Government so the enormous outlay
of money was not considered. The
printing machinery was a gift
from a rich neutral!!

The addition of funnies.

Solomon to Headquarters Staff
was somewhat worried the
Secret Staff in Berlin, that
they fear this brilliant strategist's
knowledge has been made no
secret. If we are to believe the
leading articles of the

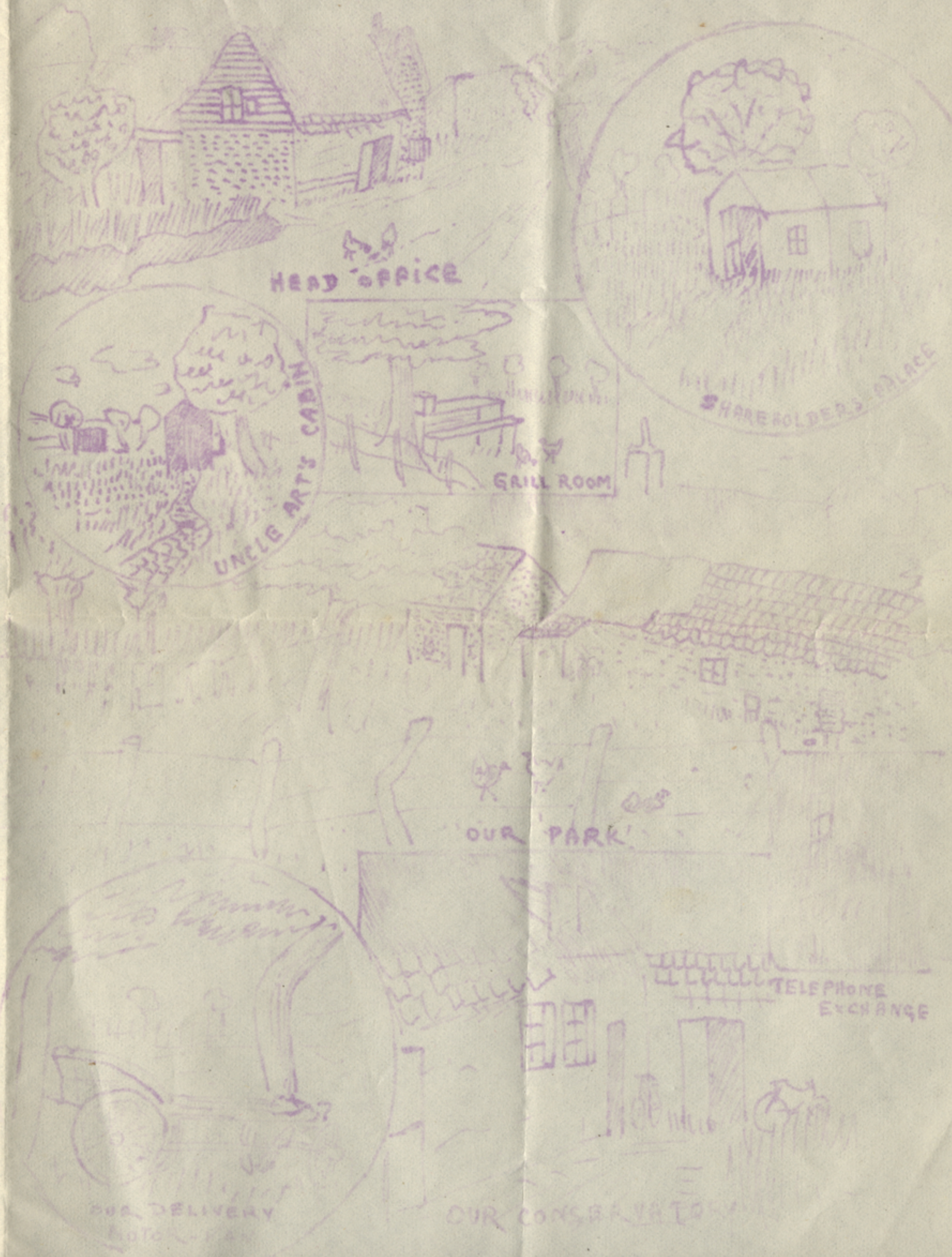
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What our Headquarters fear
however, is that the bacon issue
will have to be considerably
increased, so the energy he
utilises in trying to sell his
left off clothing to his comrades
will surely be productive of an
increased output, in which ^{event}
the ^{farmite} fruit of his ancestors
- pig - will get a rough passage.

One of the most shy and
retiring members of Headquarters
Staff is Anthony. This can be
easily be understood when we
recall his recent intrigue
with Cleopatra



(1) American not Greek.



Headquarters is fortunate in having on its staff one of the giants of Victoria - Myrtle Hazel McDonald. The night last week he displayed unprecedented and undreamed of energy. A broken telephone wire was to be repaired.

"Who will undertake the job?" inquired Corporal Balbock, striking the roof with his right hand and at the same time assuming a most dramatic attitude which any modern stage hero would have envied. Myrtle Hazel McDonald, this modern Sampson, in a clear, rich voice, answered one of a babbling brook chirped.

"I do the dirty deed"
He returned after about two hours from a ten minutes rain-soaked and up to his ears covered with mud of France, whistling a "IM of 'ATE" entitled "Why did I turn my little back moon?"

PINCHED SOAP

IS THE BEST
AND
THE CHEAPEST.



"ANZAC" writes:
"It is only fair to give the 'ANZIES' a chance to reply to the outburst of the feeling from the reinforcements. I think it is the height of impertinence for reinforcements to breathe the same air as the 'ANZACS' and fancy some of them having the privilege of seeing those three balloons destroyed? It was a sight too good for them. They say 'you never hear reinforcements say' when I was at Cairo!' Certainly not. You never saw Cairo. They only know that Cairo was a town near the Nile. Therefore they are not even worth calling reinforcements. They are 'never wasiers'."

NAPU!

Referring to the 3 balloons mentioned above we are glad to be able to publish a photo taken of the incident by a 14th reinforcement.

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