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U. S. S. SERPENS  
AK-97

No. 13  
13-9-43.

Lieut. J. J. MacDonald  
Nepoui.

Today of all the days the number of bullets that have passed over, thru, under this camp is remarkable. Most of these have come from weapons in the hands of sailors. We do not wish to interfere with the sport of these chaps, but also we don't wish to many casualties. Would you kindly point out to the sailors there are camps all along the upper part of this prom in tory. It is nearly so bad that we open both ends of 1 P tents so the flies won't be damaged. Also bullets have nearly dropped into our spoons whilst eating, and oblation basins whilst washing. If only tracers were used we would endeavor to dodge but we can't see the ball, and have to trust to luck; for myself when I hear a shot I turn sideways to the sound, thus making it almost impossible to collect a hit on my slender frame.

1710 Hrs.

Regards,

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OC Composite Com, Capt.

*a copy of an  
actual letter from  
a member of a  
New Zealand Army  
group. (written in jest)  
Nepoui  
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