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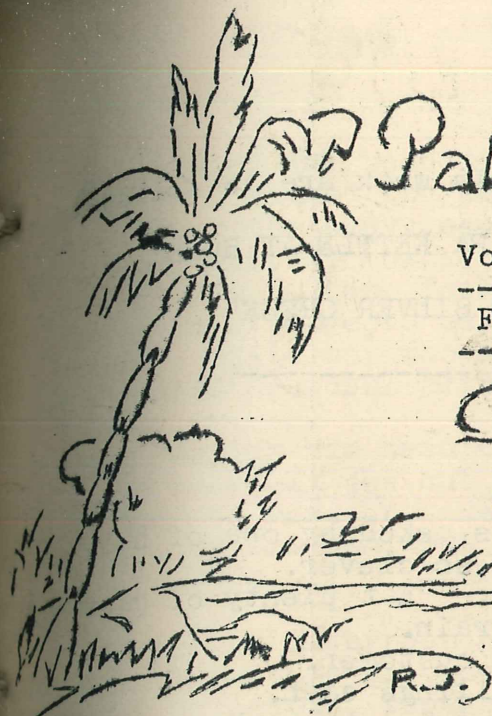
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H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE and DESTROYER VISIT.

Last week-end saw a visit of the "H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE and a destroyer and sub-marine!"

A team of footballers from the MELBOURNE were invited to play a match on Sunday against the Palm Island Representative team, the result of which is in this issue.

Quite a few curios coral and shells were purchased from the Social and Welfare, by the visitors as souvenirs to take back to their families.

Our folk on Palms were glad to welcome the visitors and to see the game of football which was played. I am sure a return match with the team from the H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE is looked forward to and our Representative team may them be on the winning side. We hope!

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FOOTBALL.

H.M.A.S. Melbourne v Palm Island.

Last Sunday afternoon we were favoured with a fast game of football between Palm Island and the navy from the aircraft carrier "Melbourne." This game was one of the fastest seen here on our own ground for many years.

The navy boys had much more condition than our local boys, and with the better handling of the ball they were the superior team for the day. The navy opened up the score 5 to nil after about 10 minutes of the game. Then a few minutes they scored again thus making the score at 10 points to nil, but just before half time T. Geia scored a try for Palm Island, but in kicking the try failed in conversion making the score 10 points to 3 in favour of the navy.

At the second half of the game the navy scored another try and succeeded in conversion which brought the score Navy 15 Palm Island 3, then as the play continued one of the navy boys performed a good field goal kick from about the centre of the field which succeeded and brought the score Navy 17 Palm Island 3, another try scored for Palm Island was by H. Johnson but failed again in our kicking thus bringing the score to Navy 17 Palm Island 6. Then 8 minutes before the full time bell the navy scored again, the try being converted bringing the score to Navy 22 Palm Island 6. The match finished with the scores Navy 22, Palm Island 6.

The crowd at the match was one of the best seen here for many years.

Then again on Monday evening we were privileged to see a match between the two navy teams, playing Rugby Union. This game was tough and fast.. We would like to be visited by other teams from the mainland or from some of the other boats who come here on and off.