

**Clearing the Desk**

*WE HEAR* quite a bit about the weather in Italy and in New Guinea from our various correspondents. None of the comments, as you could easily guess, is complimentary. Capt. Floyd A. Sooy, '38, writes that the weather in New Guinea has now been reduced to a very simple formula, however. The formula is: "If you can't see the mountains, it is raining; and if you can see the mountains, it is going to rain."

*WITH NEARLY* two thousand Sooners scattered around overseas and on the seas, it's a small-world stories are practically a dime a dozen (keep sending them in, though). One of the best is about Doak Stove, Turner Armstrong, Bill Wilson and Jack Youem, all members of the same fraternity chapter at O.U. Assigned to four different ships, they all ran into each other at a certain port in the New Hebrides on the same day.

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