

# IN OFF THE POST

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## LETTERS OPENED BY PROGRAMME EDITOR, ALBERT SEWELL

### PRAISE FROM GERMANY

**I** THOUGHT I would write a few lines to applaud Chelsea's victory in Duisburg on February 16th.

To beat what was virtually the full West German international team on their own soil was an incredible feat. It could so easily have been achieved by a tough, uncompromising and purely defensive strategy, but the Germans were defeated by a team who played fast, clean and immensely exciting soccer.

This so sporting, but at the same time imaginative and stimulating football was much appreciated by the German crowd and the small contingent of British troops.

The Germans know their soccer backwards and I am convinced that having seen Manchester United beat Borussia Dortmund 6-1, and now this performance, English soccer is again held in extremely high regard.

**R. V. Hinxman, Lt.**

'E' Officers' Mess,  
H.Q., B.A.O.R.,  
B.F.P.O. 40.

### VISIT TO THE VALLEY

**I** UNDERSTAND that Chelsea are visiting Charlton Athletic in aid of John Hewie's testimonial later in the season. Could you tell me if a date has been arranged yet?

**David Croft.**

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● No date yet. It will be announced as soon as we can fit it into a tight fixture schedule.

### A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE?

**I** HOPE that those people who purchased unwanted tickets for the Spurs Cup game at the turnstiles, and promptly sold them to the eager spivs outside, feel thoroughly ashamed of themselves, knowing that hundreds more supporters were still queueing.

I doubt it, however, and choose to consider them to be spivs as well — certainly not Chelsea supporters.

**D. F. Truss.**

53, Santos Road,  
Wandsworth, S.W.18.

### TICKETS — WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

**H**AVING queued at Chelsea for tickets for the West Ham and Spurs Cup ties, I could not but help notice that in both — and especially the queues for the Spurs game — were the black-market sellers, while some true-blue Chelsea followers were in danger of not receiving a ticket.

There must be some way to see that Chelsea fans are satisfied before these people are even considered, as I am sure they will find means of acquiring the F.A. Cup coupons when Chelsea reach the Final (of which I'm certain).

**P. Norman.**

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● Football, from the F.A. downwards, is looking for a method of Cup ticket distribution that will satisfy every supporter.