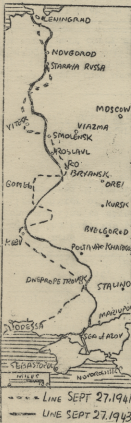




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#### NAZIS LOSE H.Q. IN RUSSIA.

On Saturday afternoon over the 1545 news came the remarkable announcement from German sources that Smolensk and Roslavl had fallen. Gain of Roslavl was expected but German's feeble attempt to retain Nazi H.Q. in Russia and referred to only a few days ago by Sertorius as "our great bastion in Russia" seemed unbelievably good news. On Friday the "Ads broke into the Northern outskirts of the city and by Friday night after fierce fighting the northern suburbs were in Russian hands. During the night, they got across the river at several points and on Saturday completed the job. They are now pursuing the beaten Germans who are retreating hot foot westwards towards Vitebsk.

**GENERAL RUSSIAN REJOICING.** Chiming of the Kremlin bells, showers of rockets and hats flung in the air in Moscow and other cities are indicative of the joy of the Russians. The victory is regarded as signalling the relief of Stalingrad. Pockets of German resistance are still being cleaned up. Those suicide rear-guard squads were left by the Nazis on the east bank to assist the disengaging operation with the swiftly advancing Reds. Evidence of hasty German withdrawal were complete trains with steam up still in the Smolensk station and many guns along with 60 serviceable aircraft, all hurriedly abandoned. The biggest retreat in history is in progress. It may not finish until Hitler's men get back to Germany. There are no natural defences before they reach the Polish border. Latest news report the Germans as far as 15 miles past Smolensk with the occupation of over 300 towns. They have cut the railway lines from Smolensk to Leningrad and Gomel in several places.

**GERMANS RESISTING SAVAGELY.** Fierce battles are raging elsewhere on the front. East of Kiev the Reds have reached the river at several points and artillery is in action across it. Huge guns have been made in the Gomel area where Russians took a town 60 miles to the N.E. and liberated 350 places. They freed several thousand civilians whom the Germans were driving off into slavery. Near Dnepropetrovsk fierce German counter-attacks have been driven off. Nazis are scurrying out of the Kuban as quickly as they can with "Ad Air Force plastering embarkation points and the ferry service. Land

escape is, of course, cut off.

**BACK TO 1941 LINE.** It is significant that the Russians have now pushed the Germans back to where they were in 1941. They now have no more than they had 3 months after the war started. All their bloody gains of the last 2 years have gone. They have lost millions of men and are still retreating.

#### STUBORN FIGHTING IN ITALY

5th. Army now occupy all the heights overlooking the Plains of Naples but they had to clear the main road at the point of the bayonet. Everywhere the going is tough. North of Salerno it is particularly tough. To the east the Americans have advanced 3 miles in the face of stiff opposition consisting of enemy tanks, artillery and demolitions. Conversely, our artillery is giving the heaviest Allied artillery barrage of the war. 8th. Army, pushing forward from Bari towards Foggia, took MOLTAPATA, 15 miles away. They are now on the outskirts of the strategically important Foggia, which the Germans are reported to be evacuating.

**MUSSOLINI'S ARREST.** Interesting story of Il Duce's arrest has just been revealed. It appears that he called a meeting of the Grand Council to which he disclosed Hitler's suggestion for a general withdrawal to the Po line. General dissent greeted the suggestion. Grandi asserted that the time had come for Royal intervention. Mussolini attempted to browbeat the Council by reading derogatory extracts from the secret dossier of each. Ink pots were thrown and the meeting broke up. Mussolini did not report the incident to the King but Grandi and Ciano did. The King demanded Mussolini's resignation. When he refused stating that he had brought "Italy into the war and would see it through" a Lt/Col was detailed to arrest him. Later three "Alice cars left Rome in three different directions and Mussolini was in one of them.

## THE WAR ON LAND AND SEA.

**POPE REPORTED AS LATERAN PRISONER.** Reuter's Correspondent with the American Navy declares that, since Sep. 18 the Pope intends to constitute himself a voluntary prisoner by re-establishing the conditions prior to the Lateran Treaty of 1929. Archbishop Spellman of New York claims that the Nazis have made the Pope prisoner and he can no longer contact his Archbishops outside Italy. Until 1929 no Pope had left the Vatican since 1870 as a protest against the entry of the King's troops into Rome.

**MOSCOW AND NEW YORK LINKED BY PHONE.** A direct telephone service between Moscow and New York has been established. The cost of the call is \$5 for 3 minutes conversation.

**LUCKIEST TROOPSHIP IN FOR OVERHAUL.** After four hectic years ferrying troops across the Atlantic during which she has been torpedoed, shelled, bombed, machine-gunned and rent in a collision, Britain's most famous and luckiest troopship is to go into dock for a once-over.

**POWER PYLONS WRECKED BY FRENCH SABOTEURS.** Swiss agency reports that French saboteurs have blown up the pylons carrying the electric high-tension cables supplying the Schneider Armament works at Le Cruesot.

**FRENCH COMM. LEADER REPORTED IN ALGIERS.** German Newsagency claims that Maurice Thorez, former Communist leader in the French Chamber of Deputies has arrived in Algiers. Thorez was deprived of his French citizenship in 1940. He was last reported in Moscow.

**NEW COMMAND NEXT MONTH.** New York Herald-Tribune learns on excellent authority that Gen. Marshall is expected to be appointed Anglo-American Generalissimo in personal charge of the trans-Channel invasion. There have been many rumours to this effect.

**N.Z. ELECTION RESULTS.** Fraser's Labor Ministry has been returned to power but with depleted numbers. Two Ministers were defeated and Prime Minister's majority shrunk from 3,000 to 1100. In the New Parliament, Labor will probably hold 43 seats, a loss of 6, Nationals 36, a gain of 10, and Independents 1, a loss of 4. A number of seats are still doubtful.

**BATTLE FOR BRITAIN ANNIVERSARY.** Third anniversary of the foiling of the Nazi invasion has led to revelation of England's dire peril on Sep. 26 1940. 2,500 invasion barges at Antwerp, Flushing and Boulogne were ready for the crossing but the Luftwaffe never gained the necessary control of the skies. R.A.F. got among the barges instead and thousands of Nazis lost their lives.

**AUSSIES NEARING FINSCHAFEN.** On Friday our troops occupied Finschafen airfield and yesterday crossed the Buni River. They are now only 1 mile from the settlement and its fall is imminent.

**OUR ASSISTANCE TO RUSSIA.** British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Cross has some interesting comments to make on the subject of our assistance to Russia. He thinks that when the war is seen in its true perspective, our decision to fight in Greece and Crete will be found to have saved the Russians by delaying the opening of the campaign for six weeks. This enabled the Russians to save Moscow and Leningrad, which would otherwise have fallen before the first Winter of the Russo - German war. Materials to Russia have enabled them to equip 32 Armoured divisions and 400 aircraft squadrons. This is only to January of this year, and more stuff is continually pouring in.

## AROUND THE AREA.

**PICTURE SHOWS:** CAMP: "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" and shorts. PIONEER: "Henry and Dizzy" and "Night in New Orleans". CAPITOL: "Hell's Cargo" and "Black Eyes".

## TOMORROW'S WEDDING.

Of more than usual interest will be tomorrow's Unley wedding between well-known area personalities. Bride is blue-eyed V.A.D. Gwen Eyles, one of the decorative "Wheels within Wheels" ballet. She proposes to say "I do" to Signals Lieut. Alf Vincent. The popular pair carry the good wishes of everyone.

SHE MADE A HIT WITH HIM.

Well Mick, did the new A.W.A.S. strike you as a very pretty girl?

Yes. But when I tried to kiss her she struck me in an entirely different manner.



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NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

"MISSION TO MOSCOW" FILM. Alan Chester, WA. Manager of Warner's First National and author of much discussed biography "John Curtin" has been chosen to handle first presentation in Australia of much discussed film version of "Mission to Moscow". Initial screening will be at Canberra next Wednesday.

DAYLIGHT SAVING NOT FAVOURED IN W.A. Both WA. Houses of Parliament have unanimously decided against daylight saving. Chief reasons for objection are that Perth Standard time is already 18 minutes behind Sun time and saving in coal and electricity would be negligible.

NO RIDING ON FOOTBOARDS. Special Policemen on duty at trams running to Moonee Valley races and Carlton football on Saturday to arrest footboard riders. "elb. is not what it used to be.

HUSBAND'S UNUSUAL WILL. Mrs. Lewis who was left an annuity of £600 but no other interest in the £703,510 estate of late husband, Proprietor of Love and Lewis, Drapers of Frahran is applying to Supreme Court for relief. Lewis, who died in August 1941, left two sons annuities of £1250 Residue of the estate, valued at about £530,000 was set aside for scholarships for boys at Melb. University.

HIKING IN THE GAY NINETIES. Melb. Hiking Club has entered its 50th. year. Fact has occasioned some reminiscences. In those days hikers were straw deckers. Official accessories included collar and tie, straw decker and umbrella. Swags were carried instead of haversacks. Members were walkers, no hikers. Sunday walks were risky as once the walkers left home they were not certain when they would see it again owing to the uncertain train service. Hike generally ended in a frantic rush to catch the last train.

MAN DIVES INTO ALBERT PARK LAKE MUD. When a Police Officer fired a shot into the lake to stop a fugitive who had dived into the Albert Park Lake to escape capture, he came out with his hands above his head. He had in his possession a key pushed into the end of a tube of toothpaste. This belonged to a stolen car stripped of its tyres.

MORE MONEY THAN THE KING. Wallet dropped 3 days previously near a Cobden (Vic.) Hotel and containing £50 was restored to its surprised owner who did not know he had lost it.

DERAILMENT IN SYDNEY UNDERGROUND. St. James and Museum Stations were thrown out of commission for more than six hours yesterday by derailment in a tunnel at St. James Station. Thousands of people living on the Illawarra and East Hills lines were late for work. Notices at entrances to St. James and Museum Stations advised passengers to go to Central to pick up their trains. Accident occurred at 8.26 a.m. when empty carriage ran off the line in the tunnel.

FATHER FINED FOR HARBORING A.W.L. A Tasmanian father has been convicted and fined for "harboring his son knowing him to be an A.W.L." Father said son refused to return to camp.

HOUSEWIVES IN TROUBLE. Food supplies were scarce in Melb. on Saty. Few shops had any potatoes, and only 50 cases of tomatoes came to market. Fruit was both short and dear, bananas being as high as 4d. each and cabbages and fish, except for flathead were practically non-existent.

44/- FOR 1 GAL. PETROL RATION TICKET William McCord of New Farm ( Qld. ) was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment on Friday for black marketing in petrol ration tickets. Tickets representing 400 gallons were found in his possession. McCord said he had sold a number of tickets at 44/- a gallon.

FIRST TASMANIAN HANGING FOR 21 YEARS. Executive Council has fixed Oct. 12 as the date for the hanging of Percival Johnston for the murder of Margaret Flakemore. This will be the first hanging in Tasmania since 1922. Without a hangman, Tasmanian may have to import one from the mainland.

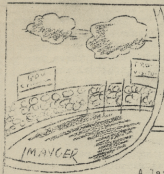
YANK USES RUBBER FINS TO SHOOT BREAKERS. Several members of the Maroubra Surf Club want to meet Dr. Bill Murphy of U.S. Navy in surf race. Dr. Murphy shoots breakers with large rubber fins on his feet. Maroubra lifesavers say they will make a donation to the Comforts Fund if, unaided by any equipment they cannot beat him. In a race over any distance. Challengers are even prepared to concede Murphy a start. Bill Kember, Bruce Devlin and J. Homer are among the challengers.

FLEW AIR ACCIDENT RECALLED. An epic of three years ago was recalled yesterday with the marriage of "Pickaback" Pilot Len Fuller to Miss Thelma Cockerill (22) at St. James Church Sydney. Flying Officer Fuller earned the nickname after landing two planes which became locked pickaback in mid-air after a collision near Cowra (N.S.) in September.

YANKS' SUPERLATIVE TECHNIQUE WITH GIRLS.

Mrs. Roosevelt caused a stir when she said that Americans walked away with Australian girls because our lads were too slow. As instances of their fast work an American serviceman asked a girl if her eyes troubled her and when assured they did not replied " Well, they sure trouble me". Theatre ushorette said that U.S. man asked her to recommend a place for dinner and when she complied he said, "Well let you and mego try it out now". The R.A.A.F. and the Navy are, however, reported to be equally successful in the States.





# The SCOREBOARD.

## Who Won AND Where.

### PRECEPT WINS CHIEF MOONEE VALLEY EVENT.

A large crowd at Moonee Valley on Saturday met with mixed fortunes.

#### RESULTS:

PASCOE HDGP. Hemloc (33/1), General Moore (33/1), Whitten (9/2)  
QUALITY HDGP. Haros (15/1), Spearman (15/1), Keplerian (7/1)  
MT. COTTERELL. Arklow (3/1), West Haran (5/1), Harley (4/1)  
MOONEE VALLEY. Precept (5/1), Night Link (9/4), St. Fairy (25/1)  
QUALITY HDGP. Fairway Freddie (12/1), Dominate (33/1), Brother Bill (14/1)  
NULLA NULLA. Linkboy (1/1), Leashero (3/1), Memeran (9/2)  
CORROBORREE TRIAL. Clayton (25/1), Blank Cheque (7/1), Souris (7/1)

### SYDNEY SPORTING NOTES.

In the Rugby League Cup - tie semi - final at Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday, Balmain defeated Eastern Suburbs 33 pts. to 19. Arthur Patton scored 3 brilliant tries for Balmain. Winners meet in the final next Saturday. Alf Strom, Campsie star cyclist, won the amateur road race from Fanrith to Sydney defeating K. McNaught by nine lengths. Time was 2 hrs. 32 mins. 7 secs. and the distance over 55 miles. Strom now holds four State titles.

By covering 100 yards in 10 3/5ths. secs. in G.P.S. open event Saturday, D. Howel, 15 year old Sydney Grammar School Boy was only 3/5ths. secs outside the record held by J. Carlton.

### ROSEHILL RESULTS.

In the Sydney Races at Rosehill interesting light was thrown on next month's big events. Modulation who won the Quality Hdgp. is favorite for the Epsom and Goose Boy is second favorite for the Metropolitan. RESULTS:

NOVICE HDGP. Chinook (10/1), Royal Result (7/2), Farewell (25/1)  
3 YEAR OLD HDGP. Highgate (4/1), Royal Peter (20/1), Tennessee (5/2)  
QUALITY HDGP. Modulation (10/1), Prince (16/1), Fermanagh (16/1)  
TRIAL STAKES. Gryphon (4/5), Sponzor (16/1), Sand fire (33/1)  
ROSEHILL GRAND HDGP. Goose Boy (5/2), It's Funny (33/1), Lambeth (8/1)  
WALTER HDGP (1st. Div.) Marcondis (3/1), High Flight (8/1), Silver elda (5/1)  
WALTER (2nd. Div.) Cadger (25/1), Ron Rico (6/1), Bruegalong (5/1)

### RICHMOND 1943 PREMIERS.

In an exciting finish, Richmond were just too good for Essendon at Carlton (Vic.) on Saturday. and ran out winners by 5 points. It was a real Grand Final and a ding dong struggle. At half-time the Tigers were 19 points ahead. Dons came with a rush in the 3rd. quarter which they finished with 4 points in hand scores being 8 - 12 to 8 - 8. In the last it was goal for goal. Half-way through, they hit the front with a goal to Harris and another to Dyer and appeared to be safe when Tormey scored to make the difference 5 points. Dick

Harris missed a sitter but 6 points then separated the teams. An Essendon shot which could have evened the scores went astray and with two minutes to go, the spectators swarmed onto the ground. There was no further scoring after the game was resumed and last year's premiers just missed taking the honors again. SCORES: Richmond (12 - 14) def. Essendon (11 - 15). BEST PLAYERS: Dick Harris for Richmond and Tom Reynolds for Essendon each scored 7 goals. Dyer also got 3. Harris's tally took him to top of the goal kicking list which must be a record feat for a rover. Best man on the ground was Oppy, 18 year old Richmond Rover. He never tired. He tackled big and small and was seldom beaten. Next was Betson, the Don's tall ruck man. He was the only big man able to carry the fight to the Tigers in the last quarter. He marked brilliantly. Waldron dominated the centre. Other Richmond players under notice were Perkins, Merrett, Dyer, Captain Steele and Maguire. Next to Betson, Plummer was Essendon's best. Others were Dick Reynolds, Tom Reynolds, Rawls Bushby and Cookburn.

### ADELAIDE FOOTBALL.

In Adelaide on Saturday, Norths defeated West Glenelg in the preliminary final. SCORES: North (18 - 17) def. West Glenelg (12-11) Norths meet Fort Torrens next Saturday in the Grand Final. BEST PLAYERS: Kwi. Nth. Sawley, Martin, Isaac, Arbon, Scilly, Catoy. West Glenelg. Powell, Taylor, Robbent, Keane, Souter, Byall, Fimeri. Isaac kicked 8 goals.

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