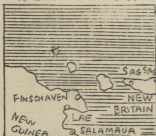


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9th. DIV. CAPTURES FINSCHHAFFEN. Finschhafen fell on Saturday to the famous Australian 9th. Division. The final assault was made from two directions and a stubborn fight ensued. Japs took to the high ground behind Finschhafen and our troops had to scale almost perpendicular cliffs to get at them with hand - grenades. Most of the defenders were Japanese Marines and they have been almost entirely wiped out. Finschhafen is the third enemy base in N. Guinea captured within a month. Salamaua fell on Sep 1, and Lae on Sep. 5. Australians are now heading for Madang and are reported to be within 50 miles of that important air - field. Once Madang and Wewak are in our hands

the difficult task of storming all - important Rabaul will probably be attempted. Japanese had yet another set - back in the Solomons a few days ago when they tried to run Admiral Halsey's naval blockade. 11 vessels tried to get through and were immediately set upon by American Liberator bombers. They were heading for Vella La Vella. One destroyer was sunk and direct hits were scored on four other vessels. One ship exploded and another burned completely over after two direct hits were scored on the stern. Fires from the explosions could be seen for 20 miles.

NAZIS DEFEND STUBBORNLY ON THE DNIEPER. Main burden of the Russian week - and news is while progress is still being made in White Russia, Red advance has been slowed down in the Southern sector. At last the German strategic reserve appears to have been thrown in. It must be admitted that the decision was well - timed. Nazis have before them, as a gigantic anti - tank obstacle the broad swiftly - flowing Dnieper which does not freeze till February and often not even then. Further the Autumn rains have begun to fall, thus bogging down Red mechanical forces which hitherto have rolled rapidly unimpeded over the flat plains east of the river. A hopeful sign is that the Red Air Force appear to have air mastery and are raining destruction on MELITOPOLE and KIEV on which latter city famous Red artillery is also trained. There is no confirmation of the German claim to have recaptured important East bank bastion of KREMENCHUG. Red prospects in White Russia are still bright. Advances of 9 miles towards GOMEL have brought them within striking distance of this city whose fall is confidently anticipated shortly, and they are also only 20 miles from MOGILEV, outer bastion of the White Russian capital of MINSK. American sources claim that MINSK is already endangered. Epoch making events in Russia can be expected in the next few days.



RAPID GERMAN WITHDRAWAL IN ITALY. Pressing on quickly, Allied Forces are now beyond the Volturno River where German troops were expected to make a stand. It is now considered unlikely that serious resistance will be encountered anywhere between here and Rome. With Sardinia, Allies now control 1/3rd. of the toe of Italy. Having captured BENEVENTO the 5th. Army have taken SAN SEVERO and another town and are pressing forward 25 miles north of FOGGIA. Axis sources claim large concentrations of troops at TARANTO and BRINDISI. An early invasion of the Balkans is feared and not without reason. The task may be undertaken by 7th Army whose whereabouts at the moment is a well - kept secret.

Subsequent reports confirm the vandalism which the Nazis indulged in Naples. Only one street was left undamaged and only one of the famous Neapolitan hotels had not been razed to the ground. An attempt had been made to burn this one. Even medical stores were destroyed and the people were starving. No wonder they shouted "Long live the English and the Americans." British line in Italy has now been straightened and 5th. and 8th. Armies are making a race of it for Rome.

BLITZING GERMANY. The grim task of bombing the Germans out of the war continues. European targets included EMDEN and MUNICH. The latter raid was carried out about 12 hours ago in daylight. For almost half - an - hour, 4000 lb. bombs at the rate of 10 a minute rained on the city. Target is particularly vital as it is an important bottle - neck for supplies through the Brenner Pass.

HEAVY ALLIED LOSSES IN CONVOY BATTLE. Six Allied ships including three warships were probably sunk in a three - day running battle with U Boats in the Nth. Atlantic. Sinkings included Canadian destroyer St. Troix with a loss of 116 out of 147 men, the frigate Itchen and the corvette Polyantus. Survivors think that a new and deadlier torpedo was responsible.

TONIGHT. Capitol: This Man is Dangerous and Flying Squad
Pioneers: On Dress Parade and Dust Be Thy Destiny.

OUR WEEKLY QUIZ

We are reviving our Quiz which used to be a popular Monday feature, crowded out through lack of space. Suggestions from readers will be appreciated. If you can answer 6 out of 10 you are tolerably well informed. 5 is average. Anything lower should send you hot foot to Army Education. 100% would of course be too good to be true.

- (1) What State in Australia has only one House of Parliament?
- (2) Who wrote the popular novel - 'The Citadel'?
- (3) Here's one for gardeners. What is the common name of a common species of delphinium?
- (4) Who owned the half of N. Guinea not under Australian control?
- (5) The British Minister for Defence is - Anthony Eden, Ernest Bevin, Lord Halifax or Churchill himself.
- (6) One of these words is incorrectly spelt. Which is it? - Battalion, unparalleled, or asphalt.
- (7) Count Ciano was lucky. He got away from Italy. A few years ago he regarded himself as lucky when he married the daughter of - Grande, Balbo, Mussolini, Hitler.
- (8) About that hole in your stocking (don't look now) being handy to Cleopatra's Needle wouldn't help you much by the way, where is Cleopatra's Needle?
- (9) Suppose you are on leave and in the usual place and a pal orders a "dog's nose" for you. What would the bartender bring?
- (10) There is only one N.Zealand horse in Melb. for the big races this year. What's his name?

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NEWS FROM HOME.

WOMEN'S SERVICES PRAISED. Provided they fulfil the same terms of service as servicemen, members of the Women's Auxiliary Services may be classed as returned soldiers, R.S.L. Secty. said on Saturday. Davis added that there are women doing good work and they had earned the admiration of all.

DAMIAN PARER RESIGNS FROM DEPT. OF INFORMATION. Famous for his filming of Kokoda Trail and Blamey's Sea Battles, Damian Parer, Australian Ace photographer is now war photographer for Paramount pictures. He became accredited cameraman for them this week and is on his way to N. Guinea to make newsreels. Parer resigned from Dept. of Information because he said "apt. refused to pay him an adequate living allowance."

BONUSES FOR FRONT LINE SOLDIERS. A.R. Cutler, who was awarded the V.C. for gallantry in the Syrian campaign is a strong advocate of bonuses to front line soldiers. He said yesterday that soldiers in action should receive special battle pay commensurate with his job and risk.

CANBERRA TYPISTES WANT THEIR LEAVE. Because they cannot get home leave, about 100 Govt. typists at Canberra are in trouble. The Govt. has banned interstate travel enabling them to go to their homes on annual leave. Girls come from Qld, S.A. and W.A. and some have not been home for 3 years. Senator Collings said restrictions remained because many girls had secured leave by false claims that their parents were in the A.I.F.

A.I.F. BRIGADIER KILLED IN ACTION. Brig. Sutherland of East Melbourne (Vic.) 8th Div. A.I.F. has been killed whilst on active service in N. Guinea.

MELB CUP WAGERING. As a result of heavy wagers, the Joker has become second favorite to Precept for the Melbourne Cup to be run on Nov. 13.

J.T. LANG BACK AGAIN. Unsuccessful in his effort to win Federal electorate of Reid, colorful ex - premier easily regained his former state of Auburn in the bye election on Saturday. With 9724 votes as against Independent Labor candidates who polled 4935 and 2426 respectively he has a comfortable absolute majority.

AROUND THE AREA.

PICTURE SHOWS: CAMP. "Sis Hopkins" with Judy Canova and Jerry Collona, also shorts. C. of E. Rec. Centre: Musical evening. Artists Sefton Daly, Sgt. Burns, Arthur Stanley Mr. Cotton, Mr. Anderson. In aid of Comforts Fund. Admission 2/6.

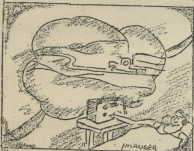
MULGA MICK

"CALLED" HIS BLUFF.



THE FORUM.

ED. MULGA: I have just received a news item from Sydney which has interested me greatly. I submit it herewith for your information.



"TRUCKS GUIDED BY REMOTE CONTROL. Remote control apparatus operated from a box on the ground effectively directed a motor truck round Cammeray Park in Sydney on Thursday. This successful experiment was conducted by the Sydney Electrical Engineering expert T.S. Skillman, Managing Director of the Company which is engaged on defence contracts for communications and equipment."

Now, Mr. Editor,

Perhaps you could, by crossing a draw a bridge, make representation in the right quarter for something of the kind to be introduced in this area. Advantages over the present system are obvious. If successful you will earn the eternal gratitude of a

Weary Willie.

"She should be at Banks now,"
lot of the drivers including

NEWS FROM HOME.

PRIMINISTER REFUSES TO INTERVENE IN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE. P.M. Curtin has refused to intervene in a strike which started last Tuesday among 3900 construction workers engaged on a scheme of National importance. Approaches will be made however through NSW. Labor Council and Federal Ministers to induce Mr. Curtin to act.

MINE MANAGER PROSECUTED. Miners and management must get on with the job and prevent injury to National welfare said Watt. K.C. in the Cessnock Court to-day. Manager of the Stanford No. 2 Colliery, Idris Evans, was charged with having altered a practice customarily observed at the mine, concerning handling of skips at the coal - shaft.

SHOULD ARP. WINDOW GUARDS BE REMOVED? Various opinions are being expressed on removing A.R.P. screens in Melbourne. Objections are that large window displays incite undesirable spending and that manpower could be better employed. Removal will, on the other hand, give more light and ventilation.

THE QUIP COURTEOUS. An order if given too courteously ceases to be an order, according to an RSM, at a Sydney Court - Martial. Defendant was sitting on a parade ground fence dangling his legs and refused to leave when ordered. Defending Officer suggested that instead of ordering men off in an abrupt manner, RSM, could have said, "The Commanding Officer does not want anyone on the parade ground other than those on parade so will you kindly leave". RSM, retorted, "It would cease to be an order if I said that."

DAYLIGHT SAVING IN TWO CITIES. On Saturday night, Melbourne clock-makers worked overtime advancing time and chiming gear of thousands of clocks in the city and suburban offices and factories. Important time and machine recording equipment in big industrial plants, railway clocks, State Parl. and many others received treatment.

In Sydney many prominent clocks were advanced an hour as the stores closed for the week - end. A policeman on point duty in King-Street said he had been "battered" by people asking whether daylight saving had started yet that he was "quite worn out".

6 HOUR HOLIDAY IN SYDNEY. To cope with six hour holiday crowds bound for tourist resorts within 100 miles of Sydney, 23 additional trains were included in Railway time-table and all were needed. Most trains for the mountains and the North Coast were packed to over-flowing.

VIC. PREMIER TAKES NO RISKS WITH BEER BET. During recent Federal Election tour a man wanted to bet Premier Dunstan two bottles of beer that Labor would win. Dunstan said it would be a shame to take his beer when it was so hard to get and advised him to save his bottles for Christmas. Dunstan is a teetotaler. Perhaps he had his doubts as well.

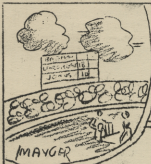
THEY MISSED THE BUS. A hundred munition workers who forgot to advance their clocks an hour on Saturday night reported for work an hour late yesterday. In one aircraft factory thirty out of 240 employees clocked an hour late losing an hour's pay.

TROUBLE IN SUREX HILLS. Stricter supervision of negro servicemen's club in Albion St., Surry Hills is urged by the Police. Trouble was nearly always started by outsiders in their opinion, and undesirable women. Club is on German Club premises. There was a brawl there on Saturday night.

TEACHING BABY RUSSIAN. Sister Elsie Whitehead is using a dictionary to help care for a Russian baby born to Mrs. Nina Parshihorov, wife of the Soviet Legation Officer. The mother cannot speak English and Sister Whitehead cannot speak Russian. Only English word Mrs. Parshihorov can say is "potatoes". Sister Whitehead is eager to learn Russian as wives of two other Soviet Legation officials are expecting babies this year.

GOEBBELS H. RANGES THE GERMAN PEOPLE.

Goebbels, foremost German orator was in rare form last night when he addressed the German people. He promised early retributive measures by the Luftwaffe to the Allied raids. "Flying Fortresses will become flying coffins" he declared. Britain had started the war but Germany would end it. Getting out of the war, as Italy did, was like jumping off a speedy express train. Disaster was inevitable.



The SCOREBOARD. Who Won AND Where.

SYDNEY SPORTING RESULTS.

SYDNEY CRICKET. Bowlers were on top in the opening of the Grade cricket matches on Saturday. L. Fallowfield of Northern Districts was highest scorer with 83. Chivers of same team took seven wickets for 13 runs against Nth. Sydney. Ray Noble, son of international M.A. Noble, scored an unfinished 74 for University against Glebe. W. Wilson (Gordon) secured the hat trick against Manly. Last year's premiers, St. George, were defeated by Cumberland by 3 runs in the final.

BALMAIN WINS CUP TIE. In the final match of the Rugby League season, Balmain defeated St. George in the cup - tie by 18 points to 7. When full time was called, scores were 5 all and ten minutes extra time each way was played. Balmain led at half - time 5 - 0.

At Wollongong, Corrimall defeated Woonona 4 goals to nil in the Sheahan Soccer Cup Final. A record crowd saw the match. Rumley, Corrimall centre, scored 3 goals. In Shute Cup semi - finals, Leichardt, 4 goals defeated Wallsend, Adamstown 7 defeated Grace Bros. nil.

SCHOOLBOY'S REMARKABLE EFFORT. Danish - born Newcastle High School boy, Freben Machl snatched an hour's sleep before his record sprint in the under 18, 100 yards Combined High Schools' Championship Saturday. He covered the distance in 10 secs. which equalled race record made by Bruce Ryan, St. Joseph's, in 1938. He also won the 220 yards in the record time of 22 1/5th. secs.

BOXING FOR HEALTH.

Stadium patrons who saw tall, dark - haired Bill Hall with his blood - covered face battling it out with Tom Harkness in a novice bout in Melb. a fortnight ago, couldn't have imagined that he was in there doctor's know he was a D.C.M. decoration in Crete German snipers and planes in order to medical supplies to He never got a

dust - up. But when he returned to Australia with his division he was smashed - up in a road accident in NSW. The nervous reaction from that accident ended his career in the Army.

When he was officially discharged last month, the doctor strongly advised Bill to take up boxing. "It will make you think quickly and concentrate", he said. "It will be a short cut to good health".

Boxing in this area is being resumed shortly with plenty of opportunities for beginners. Ring AMENITIES for details.

QUIZ ANSWERS.

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| (1) Queensland. | (6) Unparalleled. |
| (2) A.J. Cronin. | (7) Mussolini |
| (3) Larkspur | (8) Thames Embankment |
| (4) Holland | (9) Beer & Gin. |
| (5) Churchill | (10) The Joker. |

was in there fight-orders. Nor did they winner. Bill won his where he defied machine - gunners in bring much - needed his wounded cobbers. scratch in that

NORWOOD - NTH. WINS ADELAIDE FOOTY.

In agrim. fighting game, Norwood - Nth. won the 1943 League Football Premiership at Adelaide Oval on Saturday by defeating Pt.- Torrens by 21 points. A crowd estimated at the new record of 14,000 saw the Magpies begin in brilliant style only to be out - stayed by the Red - legs.

Port - Torrens spring into action from the first bounce, winning from the ruck and the pace was on. The red - leg defence was stubborn, but their foot-passing was all astray, and had the magpies' goal shooting been on par with the rest of their play they would have led better than 5 points at the end of the first term. After the teams settled down and the first flush of the pace disappeared, Norwood - North found their true form, and matched Port - Torrens everywhere. Many of the decisions given against Port - Torrens nonplussed them, and had the effect of unbalancing them. They fell into errors throughout the game. They appeared to be more concerned with the result of the whistle than getting into the game and playing correct football. From half - time on the game could not have been grimmer and with the scores even 7-9 at three - quarter time it was purely a question as to which team could see the game out the better. Norwood - North proved they had just that little extra dash at the finish and so ran out victors after a last minute scorching dash by both sides.

GOAL - KICKERS: Norwood - Nth. Isaac (7), Catay, Searle, Reilly, Arbon, Le Page (each 1) Port - Torrens - Shaw (3) Nicholls, Reval Franklin, Woods Hoffman.

QUARTER SCORES. In order of Norwood first and Ports second - 3-1, 3-6; 6-7, 3-6; 7-9, 7-9; 12-10, 8-13.

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