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VITAL NAZI LINE CUT

The Russians have cut the line from DNEPROPETROVSK to KRIVOI ROG.

Apparently, it was the speed and weight of the Russian drive from KREMENCHUG which has been responsible for the pessimistic tone of recent Berlin communiques.

Since Sunday, the Russians have moved 50 miles on a 30 kilometer front from their KREMENCHUG bridgehead. In the last 24 hours, advancing 12 miles, they have reached the vital DNEPROPETROVSK line. Garrison of this city and indeed entire Nazi forces in Ukraine and the Crimea are thus imperilled. The speed of the advance has surprised even the most optimistic observers. Railway engines, 1300 lorries and tanks are amongst the booty. Approximately 2,000 Nazi prisoners have also been captured. West and South of GOMEL Moscow also reports further gains. Their forces here have reached a point 30 miles west of the spired. Elsewhere nothing of note appears to have transpired. For the first time for a week MELITOPOL is not mentioned. Bitter fighting continues at KIEV.

MOSCOW CONFERENCE. - Within three hours of arrival of delegates in Moscow talks commenced in a cordial atmosphere. Following Russian practice it is likely that most of the work will be done at night and in the early hours. En route for Moscow Anthony Eden spent five days in Egypt where he was received by the Kings of Egypt and Greece.

GERMAN REARGUARDS HAMPER ALLIED ADVANCE.

German rearguards continue to hamper Allied progress in Italy. Yesterday the 5th Army were able to snatch only 1-2 miles from KESSELRING's defenders. Americans made further advances of 3-4 miles and captured a town six miles north of CAPUA. They are commencing an outflanking move aimed at dislodging Germans established in the woody country North of the VOLTURNO plain. Terrain affords Germans excellent cover. Around VENEZIA and CAMPASSO Germans are counter attacking in an effort to dislodge 8th Army vanguards from positions near ISERNIA, focal point of German rear communications in Central Italy, but despite resistance Allies advanced a further 4-5 miles. Little now remains of ISERNIA owing to German demolitions and Allied artillery and aerial barrages.

ATR AND ACTIVE OVER THE BALKANS. - North African air force is giving attention to German bases in the Balkans. Allied planes were over Bulgaria on Monday night for the first time in two and a half years and bombed an important rail centre in Yugo-Slavia.

WAR ON MANY FRONTS.

BLACK WREY FOR THE JAPS. - Japs are still receiving a hammering. When they attempted another attack on our shipping at OKO Bay 24 of 35 machines were shot down. We lost four planes of which the pilot of one is safe. Reinforcements, attempting to land near FINSCHLIPFEN were wiped out. 37 dead were counted. AMBON has been bombed again, a Sub. chaser sunk by four direct hits by 500 lb bombs and a 7,000 ton cargo ship damaged.

AIR ATTACKS ON GERMANY. - For the second time in a fortnight HANOVER, with its vital synthetic rubber plant, was bombed last night. A/A fire was heavy but there was unexpectedly little fighter opposition. Cloudy conditions prevented observation of results. Berlin received its usual nightly visit from Mosquitoes. 17 of our bombers were lost.

PRISONERS OF WAR COMING HOME. - 400 Australians are amongst the 5,000 P's W. being released. Agreement with Germany is that, regardless of numbers or rank all seriously ill prisoners on both sides are to be repatriated.

ABOUT THAT INCOME TAX!

If you really are a penurious private the following won't interest you much. As omnivorous and assiduous readers of Smith's, however, we are all well aware of the numbers of affluent men in the ranks, the disguised as people of no consequence. To them and the officers, the extract (from the informative pages of "The Bulletin" incidentally) may prove illuminating.

INCOME TAXES

£	Aust	UK	Total	N.Z.
£	£	£	£	£
100	11	18	29	13
150	22	33	55	19
200	37	47	84	25
250	55	66	121	40
300	75	89	164	54
350	111	111	222	70
400	137	156	293	85
500	178	201	379	118
600	265	291	556	152
800	355	381	736	225
1000	619	606	1225	305
1500	951	856	1807	534
2000	1747	1162	2909	805
3000	3530	2837	6367	1472
5000				3204

Included in the British totals are post war credits. They start at £10 on £150, rising to £43 on £2000 and to £60 on £1500 and upwards. Australia and N Zealand have no post war credits.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

REASSURING LETTER FROM JAP PW First real letter from Australian Prisoner of War in Japanese hands has just been received in Sydney from Capt H S Geldard, Liaison Officer between Australian and British Forces when captured at Singapore. Capt Geldard's letter to his wife covered several pages in his own handwriting. Dated March 19, letter states "I was operated on at Changi for appendicitis then left for Japan and was among the first troops to reach Chosen. Most here are British Officers but 5 are Australian. Camp has a small hospital under a Japanese Doctor. We are treated humanely and have a lot to be thankful for. Letter stated they were excited to receive Red Cross parcel of meat, bacon, Margarine, sugar and cocoa. "a marvellous change from rice and vegetable soup". In civilian life Geldard was business partner of Alan Kippax. He has given talks on sport to his fellow prisoners.

BOLWERS ON TOP IN SYDNEY CRICKET Outstanding performances in Sydney on Saturday were those of L Godfrey (6 for 8) and L Ferguson (4 for 17). They bowled sensationally in dismissing Cumberland after 10 overs for 23 runs. Cumberland's total was the lowest in history of the club. Victorian M Sievers took 5 Ballin wickets for 70. Only century of the day was scored by O'Connor (Marrickville). Chilvers (Nthm Districts) took 8 Gordon wickets for 33.

AROUND THE AREA PICTURE SHOWS - Camp: "Mutiny of the Bounty" with Charles Laughton and Clark Gable and shorts including scenic shots of Victoria. PIONEER: "Captains Courageous" and "Pacific Rendezvous" Capitol: "Female Correspondent" and "The Face Behind The Mask". At Camp Theatre's Spelling auditions entertainment will be presented by Tpt 2. This specially rehearsed show commences at 2000 hours. GET THERE EARLY. Griffiths' House Relationship between French Music and Literature. Lecturer Lieut Townsley. Recital John Hannell and Roy Pearce.

MULGA MICK

SOUR PUSS.



CAULFIELD CUP PROSPECTS

For the first time in Australian Racing history the much coveted Caulfield Cup has been divided. 24 horses hold the right to start in the first division whilst 23 are expected to face the starter in the second. Here are the fields, prize money and order of favoritism of starters:

CAULFIELD CUP (First Division)

1st £3,500 plus £100 in W.S. Certificates
2nd £700 3rd £350

Simmering and Neutron,
Mating Call and Sun Valley.
Amazed, Brother Bill, Gay Revelry,
Heart's Desire and Tranquil Star.
Anthony, Duemint, Derrawait, Fairway
Freddie, Taramoa and Valsour.
Clayton, The Joker and Toa Cake.
Blue Glide, Cellini, Lemaot, Philfred
Stonecastle and Saint Warden.

CAULFIELD CUP (Second Div.)

1st £3,500 plus £100 in W.S. Certificates
2nd £700 3rd £350

Amara, Damalis and Temple Chief.
Dominate and Skipton.
Centenary, Lillette and True Flight.
Great Britain, Hares, Huntingdale.
Illyrian, Lugano Portfolio, Spearmain
and Sunrocks.
Exactly, Ortolan, Sir Locket, Wallace
James and Friaw.
Royal Peter and Triton.

Unfortunately TRANQUIL STAR was kicked at the post in the Caulfield Stakes and also galloped on during the running of the race, and although an acceptor for the above will not be able to run unless her condition improves. SIMMERING crack three year old filly of the season is to run, but unfortunately for trainer Lou Robertson, she has drawn the same division as NEUTRON. They are equal favorites for the first division and it is generally thought that they will fight out the finish. The second division looks much stronger, in class with AMANA, winner of the last two starts at W.F.A. and the old stagers DAMALIS, winner of two out of last three starts and TEMPLE CHIEF, being triple favorites. There is no doubt about AMANA's brilliance, but whether she can battle out the finish of solidly run mile and a half is yet to be proved. He is an improving young horse and fought out the finish of the nine furlong Caulfield Stakes in splendid style. TEMPLE CHIEF, 3rd to AMANA and TRANQUIL STAR last Saturday, has an undeniable chance, as, starting at 50 to 1 he was far from fancied. In the Caulfield Cup he drops from 9 stone 1 to 7 stone 7, a weight advantage of 22 lbs. From the W.F.A. scale, AMANA has to concede this proved stayer who has won over 2 miles in Perth and 1 1/2 miles in Melbourne, 11 lbs in weight over an extra 3 furlongs of ground. LAWRENCE is now equal favorite with PRECEPT for the Derby, and the Melbourne Cup top line is shared by these 2 three year olds and SKIPTON who is steadily firming and should the latter run a good race in the Caulfield Cup, he is expected to line up at the barrier as SP favorite for the big race. The collapse of the red hot favorite MODULATION, and the surprising win of the rank outsider, KIAREE in the Epsom Handicap at Randwick last Saturday saved bookmakers thousands of pounds. KIAREE was hauled around for sale at 800 guineas at the end of last racing season without any takers. MODULATION's jockey (E Bartle) was puzzled by his mount's sudden collapse 3 furlongs from home. He finished 3rd last after starting one of the strongest favorites for many years.

WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP (4 Rounds)

Bob Stanley (Tpt 7) v Jerry Keayes (AGE)
Al Ward (Tpt 3) v Fred Sutton (Tpt 6)

NOVICES (3 Rounds)

Stoker Quinn (Tpt 3) v Whirl Walker (T2)
Tinker Taylor (ATp) v Fighting Pianist
(Tpt 2)

Kid Patterson (ATp) v Jim Tilbrook (Tpt 2)
Young Bromley (Tpt 3) v Snowy Matthews
(Tpt 2)

WRESTLING (3 Rounds)

Peter the Panther v Bill the Bear

BOXING and WRESTLING
CAMP THEATRE FRIDAY 22ND

MEDICAL SERVICES NOTES

We all know, during the period of an epidemic, that infection spreads rapidly from person to person. Occasionally we may ask ourselves from what reservoir an infection generally comes.

One of the greatest mysteries is perhaps that of the sudden flare - up of influenza pandemics (world wide epidemics); and how is it that the virus survives in the long periods between?

Some years ago it was suggested that the virus existed in a harmless condition and was harboured by normal human carriers in whom, under favourable conditions, generally through the rapid passage of the germ from person to person, its virulence becomes increased. Recent investigations have brought forward an interesting suggestion. Experiments indicate that the lung worms which commonly infest pigs carry the virus of swine influenza; they do so not only while they remain in the pig's lungs but throughout the stages through which the eggs pass in the earth worms. All pigs in their rooting in the ground, under favourable conditions, are likely to pick up earth worms from which developing and infecting eggs are freed and become adult lung worms again in the pig.

Since earth worms may remain infective for up to 32 months, it can be easily understood that the virus may survive from one epidemic to another. This virus, while infectious in the circumstances described above, is totally non-infective until suitable weather and physical conditions favour its activation.

Human epidemics, like swine epizootics (disease outbreak in animals), usually occur during a particular season of the year and centres from which infection spreads, often appear at the same time and apparently independently. This suggests that some activation of a previously acquired infection has occurred.

NEWS FROM YOUR HOME STATE

RECIPE FOR HAPPY MARRIED LIFE "Marry young and have a family" is the advice of Mr. and Mrs. Alex J. McLachlan of Ballarat (Vic.) given after 60 years of married life. "Don't put in the paper that we have been married for 60 years without a quarrel but you can say we have always made them up. If you work hard, you won't have time to argue and there is nothing like hard work to make life easier."

OFFICERS SACRIFICE COMMISSIONS TO JOIN AIR CREWS Captains are among the 100 members of the AIF who have given up commissions to join the RAAF. They are undergoing intensive "rookies" course to fit them for air crews at an RAAF Station near Melbourne. Some of them have been in the Army since the outbreak of the war.

TRANSPORT FOR SOLDIERS ON LEAVE Suggestions have been made that coaches, charabancs and other petrol driven passenger vehicles lying idle because of restrictions on petrol rubber and spare parts should be used to alleviate rail transport difficulties by providing travel facilities for priority passengers and service personnel on leave. (Idea is OK by "Mulga")

CONCERT PARTY GIRL MARRIES DEAF AND BLIND AIF MAN

Norman Wilkinson, a deaf and blind returned soldier from this war, yesterday married a girl member of a concert party whom he first met 7 months ago at a convalescent home. He has never seen his wife nor heard her voice. Bride is Patricia Carder of Bondi. Marriage was celebrated at Bondi Methodist Church and service was transmitted to the bridegroom by signs tapped on his hands. Wilkinson, who is 20, enlisted at 16 and saw service with the 6th Div in North Africa and N Guinea where he contracted scrub typhus which left him blind and deaf.

BIG MONEY BUT NOT MUCH SLEEP "People in sly grog business get little sleep and live on their nerves" said Sydney woman when Court fined her £100 for having sold a bottle of whiskey for 2s. As liquor had been seized there 8 times previously, Court was not sympathetic. Two other vendors each brought £50. Their customers were all Americans.

NOT WORD PERFECT "I swear by Almighty God that I shall give true answers to all questions put to me by this horrible Court". After swearing this oath, an 88 year old man summoned as a juror, asked Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy in the Criminal Court yesterday to excuse him from service in a capital case on the ground that he was almost deaf. Judge of honourable court believed him and expressed opinion that his name should be deleted from the list of eligibles. Old man left the court supported by 2 constables.

£100,000 TO 10 LUCKY RELATIVES Apparently Robert Loft, wealthy Nth Melbourne recluse who died in squalid surroundings last week, left no will. Estate is estimated at £100,000, but the actual value is unknown. Loft was unmarried. There are 10 nephews and nieces.