

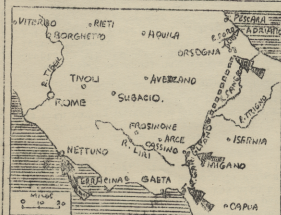


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## 25 MILES from ROME

Pushing on from their three day old beachhead, the Allies have established foot holds 6 miles inland. Advance parties are now only 25 miles from ROME and are shelling the Appian Way. Other patrols landing further up the coast have taken the port of NETTUNO.

**NO RESISTANCE.** In the first 60 hours elapsed since the Allies made their surprise landing, enemy resistance has been almost non-existent. A war correspondent reports that, on the portion of the coast chosen as a landing spot, only one enemy battalion was stationed and that, almost immediately, one of its companies was taken prisoner.

One prisoner when captured said, "I was sent here for a rest cure." **PIERCED FIGHTING ON MAIN FRONT.** But south, on the main enemy front, the Germans have attacked fiercely and have forced several American detachments to fall back over the Rapido River. Some idea of the fury with which the Germans attacked may be had from the report that in this sector they launched 11 major drives in 24 hours.

**CONSOLIDATION.** Taking advantage of the enemy's absence in the new operational area south of ROME, due to their inability, through Allied bombings of rail, road and air communications, to reinforce, British and U.S. forces continue to land supplies and troops without interference.

Some hint of the extent of Allied bombings in Italy in the last week was given by Gen. Sir Henry Maitland-Wilson. He explained that the Germans apparently were unaware of the Armada leaving Naples. This, because the Luftwaffe, without operational bases, had not been able to carry out air reconnaissance.

## REDS HAMMER COMMUNICATIONS

In an Order of the Day, it is announced from Moscow that PUSHEKIN has fallen to the Reds. Not large or particularly well fortified, the importance of PUSHEKIN lies in its being a rail centre. Russian strategy in the whole of this area appears to be a concentrated attempt to sever all German held railways making communication between one force and another impossible and, at the same time, to cut off retreat of the 400,000 tightly squeezed Germans.

**SOUTHERN FRONTS.** 500 miles south of LENINGRAD the Red Army has advanced 30 miles into the 'Pilot Marshes' and is now half way to PINSK. Moving parallel with Gen Vatutin's thrust from SARNY the two forces will undoubtedly soon meet. In the VINNITSA area Soviet troops continue to repulse counter-attacking Nazis.

## ALLIES ON TOP IN S.W. PAC.

**JAPS TRAPPED.** The Australians are making good progress in their advance up the RAMU VALLEY. They have occupied part of the KANKIRIP Saddle and flanking forces threaten to envelope a pocket held by the enemy. This ridge's strategic value is enhanced by a mule track connected with the BOGAPIN motor road. Allied airmen are giving ground forces every assistance in their pounding of enemy positions.

**LARGE AREAS COVERED BY PLANES.** Allied aircraft sunk 5 small ships in sweeps over the Admiralty Islands, Ranan Bay and Timor. BORPOP in New Ireland received a heavy raid.

## LATE NEWS

**BURMA.** Reports in the MANGALAY area indicate slight Allied progress in the face of Jap counter-attacks. Further north, American trained Chinese troops continue to advance.

**SIR STAFFOR CRIPPS** said yesterday in a statement to war workers, that the only thing that could prevent Allied victory this year was the falling down of the munitions' front.

**ALLIED BOMBERS** again attacked targets in northern France yesterday. Ground fire was weak and the raiders returned with only one fighter bomber missing.

**BOLIVIA.** The American Govt. has refused to recognise the new revolutionary Bolivian Govt. accusing it of having Axis sympathies and has withdrawn its Ambassador.

Several other S. American States have followed the U.S. example.

# NEWS from HOME.

## SETTLING NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

A report on the use of half and quarter bred Zebu cattle as a factor in the important problem of settling a larger population in Northern Australia, will shortly be issued by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. Zebus are the cattle with a humped neck and long pendulous dewlap, typical of India and other tropical countries. Mr. Dodman, Minister in charge of researches of the C.S.I.R. said yesterday, that although a few Zebu cattle had been brought to Australia previously, the first systematic importation was in 1933.

**TYRES COSTING £300 TO £500** Taxi-cab owners had to buy secondhand cars just to get the tyres, said a Brisbane taxi proprietor yesterday and as a result, prices of second-hand cars were being forced up, and thousands of pounds were being diverted from war funds. He said that every time a cab owner bought a car, it meant spending anything from £300 to £500 that might have gone into war bonds.

**GENE TURNER NEARLY KNOCKED OUT** U.S. Navy officials have revealed a recent narrow escape for Lieut.-Commander Gene Turney, former world heavy-weight champion. As Naval Director of Physical Fitness, Turney recently made a tour of inspection through South and South-West Pacific areas. From Honolulu he travelled to the South Pacific aboard the famed submarine "WAHOO" and had planned to make his first combat mission with the craft, while studying the particular conditioning necessary for submarine crews. His own condition caused cancellation of the plan, as the "WAHOO" was lost on the mission.

**NEW INVENTION FOR OUTBACK.** Mr. Traeger O.B.E. of the Flying Doctor Service, famed for his pedal-wireless, has announced his invention of a new type transmitter-receiver radio, for the folk outback. The radio has a receiver and mouthpiece and is claimed to be as simple as a telephone to operate. The sets are permanently tuned to a master station, where a bell rings to bring the operator to the receiver. Traeger has been working on the idea for more than a year and hopes to have some sets in operation before the end of the war.

**BUTCHERS OFFERED ASYLUM.** A notice in a Kings Cross (N.S.W.) butchery yesterday read "WANTED 1,000 MEN TO BUILD ASYLUM FOR MAD BUTCHERS". The notice attracted a large crowd and the proprietor said "The notice speaks for itself, as we are slowly going mad handling meat coupons." About 200 people including bricklayers, policemen, housewives and servicemen while surrendering coupons, offered to help build the asylum but all insisted that they be admitted when it was finished. Meat rationing is driving them crazy too.

**THE RIGHT SPIRIT.** Returned Australian soldiers from the Middle East and N.G. were so moved by newspaper appeals for help in the domestic work of the Brisbane General Hospital that they volunteered for service. Now everyday a group goes across from the Staging Camp at the Exhibition grounds to mop and polish the floors of the yard and corridors in the Womens' Intermediate Hospital.

**METEOR IN MELBOURNE.** Reports come from Melbourne of a meteorite flashing through the sky yesterday, but so far no one claims to have seen it land. A Camberwell resident said it looked like a giant red rocket with a white tail and that it vanished in mid-air. Houses in Alphington, New and Camberwell were shaken, where residents reported explosive or thunderous noises. Fishermen in Port Phillip insist that it went into the sea at Rosebud.

**ST. WARDEN CASE.** In the City Court tomorrow, charges will be heard in the St. Warden case when the owner-driver John Nicholson will be charged under the National Security Regulations with having aided the transport of a racehorse more than 25 miles by road. Jack Barron of Clayton is charged with having transported St. Warden.

## MEDITERRANEAN MEMORIES

Some area personnel may have visited the Mediterranean and if so, will undoubtedly like to have their memories refreshed. Others who have not been so fortunate would assuredly like to hear a little about it. Come tonight to the Arts' Club presentation of *Mediterranean Meanderings* composed by Lieut. Townsley in Griffiths House at 2015 hrs.

## AROUND THE AREA

**PICTURES:** Camp Theatre: "In the Navy" with Abbot and Costello plus shorts. Pioneer: "Chocolate Soldier" and shorts. Capitol: "Eagle Squadron" and "Hi Fi Gimm". **DANCING TONIGHT:** at the Catholic Soldiers' Club Palais WET OR FINE. **Tomorrow night:** Rehearsal for Amateurs "Pot Pourri of Playlets" in the Catholic Soldiers' Club Hall commencing at 1930 hrs.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN AFTER THE WAR ?

We would like your ideas in articles of not more than 200 words for publication in Mulga. You must have thought about this matter so why not let us put your thoughts into print.

# BASIC WAGE:

Next month, basic wage earners in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and Hobart will receive a shilling less in their weekly pay envelopes. But, worth far more than a shilling, is the knowledge that this reduction is a sure sign of fiscal control, economic security and, ultimately, of the winning of the war.

Based on an intricately worked out cost of living index, regularly compiled by State and Commonwealth Statisticians, the basic wage has been gradually rising since 1939. But the wives of men earning these wages know how little this means. Though they shop with an extra pound in their purses, baskets are no heavier. Real wages, or what their money will buy, is still the same. But there is a lag. Between the time that prices rise and wages follow, the housewife is at a disadvantage. When prices are rising, wages follow suit; and, at times, catch up. But not for long. Prices rise again and real wages fall.

Now with a reduction in wages, the opposite is happening. Prices have fallen and the basic wage is chasing them down. But this time the housewife is on the winning side. While prices are lower, wages, until their periodic alteration, are a little too high.

That the basic wage has been reduced in four states, including the highly industrialized Victoria, is a tribute to the Prices Commissioners, Prof. Copland. Faced with inflation, black marketing, rationing and consequent shortages, he has nevertheless so controlled prices that they have, for a time at least and after four and a half years of war, not merely ~~not~~ stood, but fractionally reduced.

## Idea Homes of 1950.

How'll you have your new home after the war - poured, stuck together, or made up in handy sections, that you can put together as your fancy happens to dictate? You are due to have quite a choice, according to what the architects and manufacturers are planning. What is even more interesting, the price is going to be amazingly low. Not more than £500, all fitted up with plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures, is one manufacturer's estimate of what a modern home will cost. What is more, this home can be added to at will at a moderate cost, or it can be converted to suit summer or winter needs, or even the changing whim of the owner.

The pour-it-on-the-spot plan utilizes a newly developed cement-like substance. You order your house. Workmen come and set up factory moulded forms very much as a child builds a house of hollow blocks. Then the pourers come along and pour the prepared materials into the set-up moulds. Presto, your house is done and ready for fitments and finish.

Another proposed home of the future will be fabricated of cut-out pieces, cut to design at the factory and shipped to the place where the house is to be erected. There factory instalment crews will put the various pieces together very much as pieces of a "box set" on the stage are put together.

Still another, and to date, most original idea, is a spherical home of steel. This is a portable model and according to its makers, can be set up or taken down in a few hours by the owner, if he happens to have a hand for such tasks. Loaded on a medium size lorry, the house can be taken anywhere the owner desires and set up again. With this sort of modern home, all a man would need for a summer and winter residence would be one of these steel spheres and two lots of land, one at the beach, the other in the city.

Heating will be revolutionised, and air conditioning will be as common as a hot-water tap is today. The heating system to be built into these panel made homes will be what is termed "panel heating". By this system unsightly radiators vanish altogether. The heat is radiated from the wall panels, from the ceiling panels and from the floor panels. Because of the amount of heating surface, but a moderate flow of heat is necessary, and all draughts and cold spots will be eliminated, according to the engineers who have done the planning.

Just in case you already have a home and do not expect to get a new one, the planners of these homes of the future have not forgotten you. New materials are being developed daily.

The home of the future is going to be an artistic creation, it is prophesied. It will be convenient, sanitary and well within the means of millions of workers who have never before been able to afford a home of their own.

### SERVICEMEN'S REST HOME OPENED

On Friday, 21st. January, the Lady Gowrie Club, financed by the Australian Comforts Fund and administered by the Y.W.C.A., was the scene of a very happy AT HOME.

As the Service Women came off duty, they were brought out to inspect their LEAVE House. Iced drinks and refreshments were served to each relay, from four to nine-thirty p.m.

As this AT HOME took place of a formal opening, Lady Gowrie's letter was read - "So very delighted" she wrote, "That you have your club at last. I only wish I could have been with you. Congratulations and many thanks to all those who helped you in this grand achievement.

Love, good luck and happy days to you all,

ZARA CONNIE."

LITERARY REMAINS (1772-1834) Women are good novelists, but indifferent poets; and this because they rarely or never distinguish between fact or fiction.



# MEDICAL SERVICES' NOTES

The following satire, alleged to have been perpetrated by Rudyard Kipling, points a useful moral applicable to preventive medicine, and might well be read and re-read by all service personnel who glibly attribute their ills to "bad" water, change of climate, chills, or changes of the moon.

## NATURAL THEOLOGY

### PRIMITIVE :

I ate my fill of whale that died and stranded after a month at sea...  
There is a pain in my inside. Why have the Gods afflicted me ?  
Ow ! I am purged till I am a wraith ! Wot ! I am sick till I cannot see !  
What is the sense of Religion and Faith ? Look how the Gods have afflicted me !

### PAGAN :

How can the skin of rat or mouse hold anything more than a harmless flea ?  
The burning plague has taken my household, Why have the Gods afflicted me ?  
All my kith and kin are deceased, though they were as good as could be  
I will out and batter the family priest, because my Gods have afflicted me !

### MEDIAEVAL :

My privy and well drain into each other after the custom of Christendie...  
Fevvers and fluxes are wasting my mother. Why has the Lord afflicted me ?  
The saints are helpless for all I offer, so are the clergy I used to fee,  
Henceforward I keep my cash in my coffer, because the Lord has afflicted me.

### MATERIAL :

I run eight hundred hens to the acre, they die by the dozen mysteriously....  
I am more than doubtful concerning my Maker. Why has the Lord afflicted me ?  
What a return for all my endeavour - Not to mention the L.S.D. !  
I am an atheist now and forever, because this God has afflicted me.

### PROGRESSIVE :

Money spent on an Army or Fleet is homicidal lunacy...  
My son has been killed in the Mons retreat. Why is the Lord afflicting me ?  
Why are murder, pillage and arson and rape allowed by the Deity ?  
I will write to the Times, deriding our parson, because my God has afflicted me..

### CHORUS :

We had a kettle : we let it leak : Our not repairing it made it worse ..  
We haven't had any tea for a week.... The bottom is out of the Universe.

### CONCLUSION :

This was none of the good Lord's pleasure, for the Spirit He breathed in Man is free ;  
But what comes after is measure for measure and not a God that afflicteth thee.  
As was the sowing so the reaping is now and evermore shall be,  
Thou art delivered to thine own keeping, only thyself hath afflicted thee.

### BLUE DIVISION

A.G.H. 131 (Bagshaw 36, Ray 34, Whelan 3/40) and 0/8 def. ORDANCE 60 (Elix 3/18) and 75 (Cusworth 23, Bagshaw 4/36).  
TPT.2. 2 for 142 (Grewar 100, Maloney 4in.o., Morritt 2/18.) def. TPT.1. (Webster 29, Merritt 23a.o., Schults 5/27).

### RED DIVISION

A.W.C. Staff 101 (McKenzie 26, Watson 3/41) def. CIVILIANS 97 (Owen 26, Jensen 3/21).  
TPT.5. 6 for 174 (Bagell 78, Broadway 26, Daugh 4/51) def. SUPPLY 161 (O'Donnell 52, Chivers 58, Raymond 4/46).  
TPT.4. 8 for 167 (Malcolm 68, Amiguet 53, Boswell 4/31) def. A.E.M.E. 162 (Kinner 48, Greenlade 30, Thorn 4/43).

Club Secretaries are further reminded that scores are not being sent in to the Secty. of the Assn. You are reminded for information of the penalty of not submitting reports.

## CRICKET SCORES.

## AREA RECREATION FACILITIES.

Perhaps nowhere in Australia, certainly in no place so far from a large centre of civilization, are troops so well served with seven nights a week entertainment as here, in the Alice Springs area. In consequence the sterling service provided by the several Church organizations tends if only relatively, to be dwarfed.

The representatives of these recreation centres - camp Red Shield Huts, Griffiths House, the C. of E. Rec. centre and the hut to be opened at the Catholic Club, feel that ignorant of the facilities available to them, troops are constrained to stay in camps uncomfortably reading and writing by hurricane lamps. These centres provide refreshments, billiards, table tennis, magazines etc. while at Griffiths House an excellent lending library is available. Take advantage of these facilities - they are provided for YOU.