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NORMANDY BATTLE ENTERS NEW PHASE

COMPLETE BREAKOUT FROM CHERBOURG PENINSULA

BRITISH DOUBLE BULGE SOUTH OF CAUMONT

With news this morning that American troops were already 5 miles beyond Avranches it becomes evident that the Allied battle in Normandy is entering a new phase. The establishment and consolidation of the beachhead is over; the slow but certain fight for France has begun. The first step has been the breaking out of the Cherbourg Peninsula. The right flank of Gen Bradley's forces is driving west to Brittany. Correspondents say that there are many signs of the Germans' retreat, but emphasize that their resistance is still strong.

An ill-fated counter attack which the Germans have launched in the centre of the Americans' line has come a week too late says the E.P.C.'s correspondent. Enemy dead in the last few days' fighting amount to 4,500. The same reporter, who has been on the beachhead since D-day, says that the 7 German divisions who first engaged the Allies can now be written off.

BRITISH TROOPS have doubled the size of their bulge below Caumont. Progress has been made to and beyond Ter gray. Fighting south of Caen has become intensely fierce. The Germans speak of the weight of British and Canadian artillery.

SWIFT RUSSIAN DRIVE TO LATVIA

8 MILES FROM GULF OF RIGA

IN STREETS OF WARSZAW

Moscow triumphantly announces this morning that every German escape route to East Prussia from the North is cut off. In a swift drive, yesterday troops of the 2nd Baltic Army captured a town only 8 miles from the Gulf of Riga.

Further south there is heavy fighting around Kovno. Reports are confusing. Whereas a message early this morning said that Kovno, capital of Lithuania, had been captured, a later B.B.C. report still spoke of fighting in the city's streets and did not claim its capture. It is probable, however, that if the second report is the true one, then only a few hours separate it from the earlier and perhaps premature message.

BATTLE FOR WARSZAW. Soviet troops are fighting in the streets and buildings of the eastern suburbs of Warsaw, capital of Poland.

NAZI ADMISSION. The Nazis admit that their retreat cannot stop on the Vistula. Germany, said one realist, must give up most of Poland, the Baltic States and East Prussia.

WORLD ITEMS

FINNISH PRESIDENT. Appointed by decree, Marshal Mannerheim is Finland's new President. He is a break with the old system.

HARD FIGHTING FOR FLORENCE. The battle for Florence is seeing some of the hardest fighting of the Italian campaign. The Germans have brought up reinforcements of men and tanks. A late report says that the enemy has completely withdrawn from Pisa.

TURKEY. Ankara has ordered all Turkish ships in Bulgarian and Rumanian ports to return to home harbours.

PACIFIC. Admiral Nimitz says that the battle for Tinian is virtually complete. U.S. warships are on both sides of Guam. Tokio already speaks of the invasion of Rota. Gen. MacArthur's forces have leapfrogged to Amsterdam and Middleburg, places 200 miles west of Noumfoor in Dutch New Guinea. "Our airmen are established from Milne Bay along the whole N.G. coast," said Gen. MacArthur.

MANUEL QUEZON, former President of the Philippines, has died in the U.S. aged 65.

LT. GEN STILLWELL has been recommended by President Roosevelt for his full Generalship. This is taken in Washington to foreshadow the intensification of the Burmese campaign.

NEWS from HOME

JOANNE IS STILL NEWS

Sydney's 12 year old bride Joanne Moore spent her first day of married life yesterday with her husband in full glare of publicity at home in Marrickville. Joanne has three sisters and one brother but she's youngest in the family and only one married. James Moore is eldest in a family of 8 also being only one married. Joannes is not first 12 year old girl married in Australia. In 1941, a girl 12 married a boy fourteen. Since 1901 there have been 7, 12 year old brides.

NOTHING BUT THE BEST. Hundreds of Brisbane workers engaged in aircraft repair work are to be dismissed and many have already received notices terminating service at the end of this week. Dismissals follow slackening of work, through a decision of American authorities to send worn engines back to America and to replace them with more modern units.

NOT SUPERSTITIOUS, JUST PLAYFUL. Melbourne residents who want a car or telephone number below the figure ten or one that adds up to their lucky number or represents a good hand at poker, may make application for such numbers it was stated yesterday. Many people make such requests but by common consent the phone number Central 13 is relegated to the morgue.

NURSING BLUES AND ORLY. Comic artist Alec Gueney is on the sick list and so his "Blney and Orly" strip will from now on appear only every second day.

THEY WOULDNT SAY NO! Premier Dunstan yesterday took exception to a Referendum pamphlet issued by "Christian Commonwealth Movement" which advocates a "Yes" vote on the grounds of Christianity. The recent change of policy by Melbourne "Herald" which now prints editorials supporting the "Yes" case in the Referendum, is seen as a recognition of public feeling by members of the all party "Yes" committee.

IT'S NOT THAT - IT'S HERE. Upholding an objection by Barrister J. Lazarus that there was no proof that the offence had been committed in territorial waters and therefore not within jurisdiction of Court of General Sessions, Judge Sproul yesterday directed a jury to acquit William Burke of Launceston who had been charged with larceny of cigarettes allegedly missing from a vessel trading between Melbourne and Launceston.

BETTY STILL CAUSING STIR. Portland's fantastic general strike over "butcher girl" yesterday spread to the Govt. owned State Mines and all Butcher shops at Lithgow. Strikes Decision made last night at Butchers' Assistant Meeting which decided "no meat no work". Commonwealth Conciliation Commissioner yesterday found there had been no case of victimisation of Betty Wyde by butcher Peter Dargin and that there was no reason for cessation of work.

THEY'RE GOOD HEARTED. Abolition of raceless Saturdays and a steady advance in stake money by all clubs resulted in a distribution of £235,506 during the 1943-1944 season in Melbourne - an increase of £18,630 over the previous year.

THE FIRE BURNS, EVEN ON TUESDAY. At Broken Hill where a strike is held each Tuesday to enforce an adequate water supply, thousands of gallons of water are being poured down a mine shaft in an effort to extinguish the fire burning in the open cut of a BHP mine. Two fire engines have been pumping water through a 3,000 foot hose for the past 30 hours, but the fire is still burning.

BILLY HUGHES HAS WOMAN TROUBLE. Billy Hughes is looking for another private secretary. Patricia Romans who outstayed her many male predecessors in the position lost it yesterday after complaining of overwork. Miss Romans was employed by Hughes for three years in the office, and held secretarial job since last April.

INTERSTATE FOOTBALL MATCH

VICTORIA V. SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Changes have been made in today's sides as follows:-

Victoria. Linagar 2/163 replaces Deacon at C.E.F. and Thorne A.E.M.S joins the reserves.

S. Aust. In this side Owens A.E.M.S., Carmody R.E. and Buck A.G.H. replace Fowleraker, Kiriwan and Stolly while Archibald A.G.H. joins the reserves.

LEAVE. All personnel not engaged on essential service may obtain leave today Wednesday to attend the interstate-football match at the 121st A.G.T.C.

AROUND THE AREA

PICTURES. Camp NO SHOW. Pioneer, "About Faces" and "The Moon and Sixpence" Capitol; "Soul of Texas" and "West Side Rite".....A.E.S. PROCESSION OF MUSIC, Methodist Church 2000hrs Analysis of Scheherazade also A.E.S. Psychology Class A.E.S. Hrs. 19/3hrs.

AUSSIE RULES BALL

REMEMBER! The ball will be bounced at the Catholic Ball tonight at 20.0hrs sharp.

SPORTING ROUND UP

MULGA'S BOUQUET

It was as simple as shelling peas to pick this week's bouquet winner - in fact, 121 AGM, picked themselves. Their Aussie Rules side, for their wonderful work in downing the 2/163 by 5 goals, take half the bouquet, while the other half goes to their consistent rifle team which not only cleaned up the field in the 600 yards application on Saturday, but finished first ahead of the West in the grand aggregate. Congratulations 121.

AUSTRALIAN RULES COMPETITION

The glorious uncertainty of football was amply demonstrated on Sunday in the 2/163 - 121 meeting. Prior to the game fans generally expected 2/163 to win, though many expected the scores to be close. But even 121's most sanguine supporter was not prepared for such a decisive win as their new side registered. It wasn't that 2/163 had what all athletes have periodically both individually and as a team, "and off day" - they played well, but 121 played better and there is the game in a nutshell. Best three for the surprisingly good winners were Dodderidge, Harris and Templeton; while for the losers Maltby Longear and Dodameide were the pick.

As was expected, 121 made whoopee with Supply on Supply's oval. Just the same, Supply's display for a bottom of the ladder team was a sterling one, and to hold the Premiership leaders to a 9 goal margin was a good effort. Russell, McLean and Thomas were the best for the competition leaders, while O'Donnell, Willis and Mourigan were considered best for Supply.

AEME put up a colossal score against HQ - the record score of the season. The composite HQ side were hard put to field the team, but battled on in true sporting style. I wonder if some of the good players in the area could come up smiling each Sunday as with a sound thrashing a certainty every time they pulled on a jersey. AEME's best 3 were Sutton, Griffiths and Deacon whilst Carmody Adamson and Baker were best for the di-hards. Deacon, AEME star centre half forward, went south on leave yesterday and is expected to strip for Carlton on Saturday.

SCORES. 121 11-14 def 2/163 6-6; 122 15-21 def Supply 6-11; AEME 34-31 def HQ 3-4.

RUGBY

The first interstate game under the banner of the Central Australian Rugby Football Union took place between NSW and The Rest on Sunday on the 2/163 ground and was an immensely successful debut.

NSW were the stronger team, but The Rest played fine football to hold their opponents up to lemon-time.

In the second half, however, NSW forged ahead, and throwing the ball about in fine style ran up points in quick succession. Best 3 for "our 'arbour" boys who finished 36 points to 11, were Johnston, Skipper Field and Murray; while The Rest were best served by Bassett, Skipper Page and Cohen.

Area selectors at the conclusion of the match nominated the following players to train pending selection for a visit to Mt. Isa.

BACKS. Grutch, Cohen, Field (V. Capt), Manning, Staimitz, Johnston, Bassett, Healy, Colborne and Asplind.

FORWARDS. Conway, Griffin, Murray, Kelleher, Winter, Thistlewaite, Jacobson, Regan, Page, (Capt), and Lucas.

SOCCER

Round ball competition leaders, Field Bakery administered the season's biggest defeat on Sunday to 122 by 11 points to NIL - a colossal score. What a grand team these bakery players are and what a match when they meet 117 next Sunday! Should be worth going miles to see. Best three for the pastrycooks were Ellis, Miller and Smith, with Miller Holden and McKeechie the best of the losers.

The second Soccer game was between 117 and AEME, and after a hard tough game 117 were triumphant - 4 goals to NIL. Skipper Milne, Bell and Lt. Tyson were nest for the Tpt. Kingman and Armstrong were the best for Workshops.

AREA RIFLE SHOOT

121 are area Range champions. Prior to Saturday's final shoot they had a lead of 77 in the aggregate - enough for them to have sent several of their best shots out to pot a few frogs and put the unit cooks in their places and still win.

The 600 yds application was probably the most difficult shoot of the series, and in this 121, as if to prove their early wins were no flukes, put this practice in the bag by a narrow margin from 122 with HQ a good third.

In the aggregate the teams finished in the following order:- 121, 122, AEME, HQ, No 1 Comp., CRE, 2/163, Sigs, 25 Works, AGH.

The individual aggregate which virtually selects the Champ shot of the Area went to Major Young of 122 with 186 out of a possible 200, with WO Stevenson, CRE, 2 points behind him and Dvr. Stanley, 121, 3 points further back.

GRASS FOR HEALTH



When Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian king was feeling low, he crawled on his hands and knees and ate grass. But Nebuchadnezzar also drove the Egyptians out of Asia, conquered Syria, destroyed Jerusalem. Last week American chemists put two and two together. In grass, they said, there is power. After four years of analysis and experiment they found that ground grass contains all the vitamins except D, has 28 times more vitamins per lb than dried fruits or vegetables. Its riches: 23 times more vitamin A than carrots; 9 times more vitamin B1 than leafy green vegetables; 22 times more vitamin B2 than lettuce; 14 times more vitamin C than tomatoes and citrus fruits.

To make grass fit for human consumption, the chemists dried, bleached and ground the leaves of wheat, barley, oats and rye, produced a white powder with a slight malt flavour. The scientists ate this grass all winter, caught no colds, enjoyed excellent health. 3 U.S. factories and 1 Canadian are now making powdered grass. Approximate cost: 14¢ per lb.

Said the grass eaters to the American Chemical Society Meeting: "The use of only 12 lbs of powdered grass a year.....will supply the necessary factors for a liberal diet to all families at a price they can afford for the first time in history."

Once a vitamin is isolated or synthesized, researchers almost invariably find in it some long awaited healing powers. Doctors have already begun to feed powdered grass solution to new born infants with haemorrhages. Of the 20 odd vitamins known to science, about 10 can be extracted from plants or produced artificially. Most important vitamins on the physician's shelf:

- Vitamin A: for night blindness and certain skin diseases.
- Vitamin B complex (consisting of some 15 related vitamins): for pellagra and for deafness caused by deterioration of the auditory nerve.
- Vitamin B1 (Thiamin): for beri beri, anorexia, certain heart disturbances, inadequate lactation, nerve diseases of alcoholism, facial neuralgia, cirrhosis of the liver, sciatia.
- Vitamin B2 (riboflavin): for blindness caused by inflammation of the cornea, and certain skin disorders.
- Vitamin C (ascorbic acid): for scurvy, pyorrhea, rheumatic fever, wound healing, haemorrhage, cataracts, ingrown, inflammation of bone marrow.
- Vitamin D (calciferol): for rickets, nervous spasms, softening of the bones, acne and psoriasis.
- Vitamin E (alpha-tocopherol): for sterility, muscle weakness, diseases caused by degeneration of nerves.
- Vitamin K: for haemorrhage.

AUSTRALIA'S NO. 1 ECONOMIST *Says*

POST WAR PRICE CONTROL ABSOLUTE NECESSITY

The Commonwealth Prices Commissioner, Professor Copeland, has protested strongly about quotations from his book "Australia in the World Crisis" in a vote "No" advertisement issued by the Australian Constitutional League.

Professor Copeland said that his duties as Prices Commissioner were such that he should not be involved in political controversy. But "the Australian Constitutional League may not have any respect for the status of a person who is required in wartime to discharge a heavy public responsibility. The League has exposed the weakness of its own argument that there need be no depression. I quite agree that sound policy during the war and after it can avoid the terrible evil of depression. But what is that sound policy?"

"For some years after the war price control will be even more important than during the war, because in the absence of price control the demand for civilian goods will bring about a general inflation of values and, in its train, widespread profiteering, injustice on people on lower incomes and, particularly to ex servicemen and women, economic instability and financial disorder."

AMERICA TO MAKE JET PLANES

The "New York Times" says that the General Electric Company has announced that it will soon begin the production of jet propulsion turbines for the War Department.

Company officials will not disclose the purpose for which the turbines are intended, but some aviation experts say the superiority of the jet propelled plane may have brought it into consideration as a pursuit plane against the German Flying Bomb. Jet planes are credited with speeds over 600 MPH. At such speeds Allied aviators might be able to better to observe and measure the robots' trajectory and thus locate their bases.

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