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## WEEK END OF AIR ASSAULTS

CONTINUED BLOWS AT FORMOSA

HEAVIEST RAID OF WAR

### R A F DAM - BUSTERS STRIKE AGAIN

This morning's news tells of the continued air assault on the Japanese held island of Formosa, 60 miles from the south coast of China. Unconfirmed Japanese reports state that the Jap fleet has steamed out to give battle to the American task force, now estimated as consisting of at least 15 carriers with supporting warships. No confirmation has come from Admiral Halsey. Super-fortresses have taken part in many raids, operating from bases in China. Formosa is strategically important for many reasons; it is a main link in the Japanese chain of defence, a supply centre, whose capture would cover American landings on the coast of China, and cut the Japanese supply route to the Philippines, Borneo, Sumatra and Java.

**DUISBURG** is a mass of ruins, and covered by a pall of thick smoke, after the heaviest raid of the war. Two thousand R A F Lancasters dropped 10,000 tons of bombs on the city, a large and important industrial centre and railway junction. 1½ million incendiaries alone were dropped - more than London has received throughout the war. In twenty five minutes 1,590 tons of bombs landed.

**COLOGNE** also was heavily raided. Two thousand tons were deposited by US heavies, 1200 of which were over the Reich last night, also raiding Dusseldorf.

**DAM - BUSTERS** raided a dam near the town of Dortmund. This structure was described as so thick and heavy as to resist the action of even 12000 lb bombs. A special type of delayed action bomb was used, and R A F Lancasters were again the attacking aircraft. Even if the dam is not breached, the concussion is so great that the lake will have to be drained to enable repairs to be made.

## CANADIANS FORCE ANOTHER BRIDGEHEAD

LINK UP ON EASTERN FLANK

NEW BRIDGEHEAD FORMED

Canadian Units fighting in the Schelde Estuary have linked with the eastern flank of other Units who crossed the Leopold Canal some days ago. Another Canadian force has effected a crossing, and tanks have been ferried across. There are now three forces pressing the Germans back in this region. Latest reports say that the Germans are fighting stubbornly, but their resistance is crumbling.

**AT AACHEN** the American First Army is continuing its house to house storming of the town. Fighting is vicious, and it is necessary to clear each house singly from top to bottom. On other parts of the front, there is no significant activity to report.

## WORLD ITEMS

**ELD MARSHAL ROMMEL** has died as a result of head injuries received while commanding Nazi Armies on the western front. Rommel was severely injured last July when British fighters strafed his car.

**HUNGARY.** Adml. Horthy has applied for Armistice terms. The Hungarian Nazi Party has seized the Radio Station and broadcast an attack on Horthy, calling him a traitor and declaring that Hungary will fight on at the side of Germany. Hungary is Hitler's last ally.

**GREECE.** The R A F is using air fields in Athens. They were captured by paratroopers and air borne forces. Elsewhere in Greece, the British advance is moving to plan, and only token resistance has been encountered.

**RUSSIA.** The Red Army has struck again, this time at Petsamo, the most northerly port of Finland. Petsamo was ceded to Russia at the Peace Treaty this year. Russian bombers have heavily raided Tilsit in East Prussia and Lublow and Memel in Lithuania.

**CHINA.** Kweilin is holding out despite incessant Japanese attacks. Jap troops who breached the southern defences of the city were wiped out. Chungking has admitted that Jap troops captured Fochow, China's remaining port.

# NEWS from HOME

## AUSTRALIA'S STRONG MATRIMONIAL BOND WITH AMERICA

William Winter, famous American commentator who arrived in Melbourne yesterday said that Americana were intensely interested in Australia for three reasons. First, Americans are more Pacific conscious than before the War and Australia is an important Pacific nation. Two - American servicemen have married 10,000 Australian girls and this has created a strong matrimonial bond which is stronger than anything else. Three - Australia will be an important trading country after the War and business men of both countries want to know how the two nations can trade with each other satisfactorily.

**WHAT WAS HE DRINKING?** Speaking of Canberra, William Winter said it was "A beautiful except that the stranger finds himself literally going around in circles. But for that I understand there is a good reason, it was laid out by an American".

**VICTORY LOAN LAGGING.** With only fourteen trading days remaining of the period allotted to the Second Victory Loan Campaign, only thirty-nine Australian centres of 1468 allotted quotas had passed either or both their money and subscribers quotas yesterday. Eight of the thirty-nine have passed both quotas. Loan officials state that the loan is to be filled by October 31, the rate of lodgement of individual applications will have to be trebled.

**MAILED HIM.** Low Hing Fai, 36, seaman, charged by provisional warrant at the Central Court yesterday with having, at Adelaide, feloniously and maliciously murdered Lee Tuo Sung. The Police Prosecutor said the accused and the deceased were ship mates. Sung's body was found under a wharf wrapped in a blanket and three nails were embedded in his skull. Defendant was remanded until Oct 16, bail being refused.

**WAS HE ONE OF THE THREE BLIND ICE.** North Melbourne detectives yesterday arrested a woman aged 32 and later charged her with having stabbed Patrick John Lane, 40 of King Street city. It is alleged that Lane's wounds were caused by a carving knife.

**FISH AND CHIPS PLUS ????** Theodosious Ponglis, 65 manager of a fish and chip shop at Waterloo had his right arm cooked to 4 inches above the elbow after he had been beaten to unconsciousness by two young men. Two youths were seen running out of his shop about 1900 hours banging the door. Neighbors entered the shop and found Ponglis unconscious in a chair near the back wall. He was bleeding from head wounds and his right arm was lying in a tank of boiling fat among pieces of fish and chips.

**SALVAGE AND BACK LOADING.** Salvage said yesterday, that hundreds of thousands of pounds have been saved by Army Salvage Service since its establishment in 1943. Fundamental to the economic working of the service was the utmost exploitation of "Back Loading" of empty transport vehicles and ships.

**PREFERENCE TO RETURNED SOLDIERS ???** Protesting against the recent appointment of Minister J.M. Forrest as assistant manager of the Werribee State Farm, State Secretary Joyce of the Returned Soldiers' League, said yesterday that Forrest was not a returned soldier. For the position which carries a salary of \$750 a year and quarters valued \$100 a year there were nine applicants including five returned soldiers.

**TRAINS FOR CAULFIELD CUP CROWDS.** It is now thought unlikely that Railwaymen will stop work on Caulfield Cup Day as threatened but tramway workers' decision will not be known until after next Thursday's ballot has been taken.

**KEEPING THE DOCTOR AWAY.** On Sep 30, 590,000 cases of apples and 43,000 cases of pears were reported in retail stores in Victoria, according to Government Statistician, G. Gawler. This represents a slight decline on last year's figures.

**VICTORIAN BUSH FIRE MENACE EASIER.** A change in the weather during the weekend from a hot northerly to a cool south westerly has temporarily relieved the bush fire danger in Victoria.

**GIPPSLAND RECUPERATES QUICKLY.** From a production view point areas of Gippsland recently ravaged by bush fires are rapidly overcoming losses. Gippsland has prospects of a wonderful season.

## - AROUND THE AREA -

**PICTURES** - Camp: "Ships with Wings" and shorts; Capitol: "Juke Box Jennie" and "Mug Town." Pioneer: NO SHOW. LOST - One gold sapphire ring, reward, Ring No. 129.

## Balkan Background

For many years the Balkan States; Yugoslavia, Rumania, Albania and Bulgaria, together with Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Greece, have been the scene of bitter, vicious racial fighting and political intrigue. The peoples who inhabit these mountainous, backward countries are of many racial types, Rumania for example, is a state whose population is largely made up of racial minorities: Rumanians, Magyars, Jews, Turks, Bulgars, Tatars, Gypsies, Poles, Ukrainians, Slavs, and Germans. With such a mixed racial population, it is not astonishing that there is much internal disunity in the states.

On the whole there are few large cities, and the countries are agricultural, with a peasant population of about 80 p.c., and disproportionately large, bureaucratic governments.

### Bulgaria

Until recently an Axis satellite, now suing for peace, Bulgaria is a country whose territorial ambitions have been thwarted ever since her liberation from Turkish oppression in the eighteenth century. She occupies the eastern section of the Balkan peninsula, is 170 miles from north to south, 250 miles from east to west, and has a population of 6 1/2 million. The largest city is Sofia, no larger than Adelaide. Transported land is backward, and nearly a quarter of the country is covered by forests.

Bulgaria was under Turkish domination until the Russo-Turkish war of 1878, when an independent Bulgaria was created. The unsatisfied territorial desires of this small state caused the governing class to direct all the energies of the country to the reunion with the territory taken from it. It expended a large part of its resources on military preparations and gave insufficient attention to developing the country and its people. It fought Serbia in the early 1880's, nearly went to war with Turkey in 1903, and was the dominant factor in the two Balkan wars of 1912 and 1913.

In recent years Bulgaria came very much under the political influence of Germany, and although the majority of the population were pro-Russian, and anti-Nazi, strong arm methods, and a militaristic form of government brought her into the war on the side of Germany. Her troops did not take a very active part, and Bulgarian armies are now fighting in the ranks of the Allies.

### Rumania

RUMANIA has been one of the Nazi satellites since November 1940 when it signed the Axis pact. Actually it came under Nazi domination when Hitler marched into Czechoslovakia in 1938. Before its partition in 1940, Rumania was the largest of the Balkan countries. Its boundaries touch Soviet Russia on the north and east, the Black Sea on the east, Bulgaria on the south, with the Danube as a continuous boundary, Yugoslavia on the southwest, Hungary to the north and northwest, and Poland to the north. In 1941 the area was 74,000 sq. miles, and the population 15,000,000.

CLAIM DIRECT DESCENT FROM ROMANS. During the second and third centuries A.D., Rome held the territory of present Rumania. Since then successive migrations of people, and conquests and reconquests, have resulted in the minorities revealed above.

There are few large cities of any size, as the country is predominantly an agricultural one. Three fourths of the population live on small farms, engage in agriculture and stock raising. At Ploesti, about 35 miles north of Bucharest, is the industrial and commercial heart of the country, situated around the rich Rumanian oil fields. An important source of German supply, Rumania produced about 4 p.c. of the world's supply of oil. Much bombed, this town is also an important railway centre.

### Yugo-slavia

YUGOSLAVIA is a state created in 1918 out of the kingdoms of Serbia and Montenegro and large portions of the Austro-Hungarian empire. She possesses considerable agricultural and mineral resources, and a small number of vital industries. The liberation of this state will cut Germany from some of her most important supplies of raw material. Yugoslavia is the principal European supply of Bauxite, used for Germany's aluminium. There are also deposits of iron, coal, copper, zinc, lead, chrome and sulphur; and farms provide the axis with grains, fruits, meat, dairy products, and wool.

The northern regions are part of the plains of Central Europe, and play an important part in feeding Hitler's Germany, the southern and western regions are wild, mountainous, and sparsely inhabited, and have been the centre of Partisan resistance.

There are three main regions in Yugoslavia, Croatia-Slavonia in the northwest, Bosnia and Montenegro further south along the Adriatic coast, and Serbia along the eastern frontiers. Croatia has been a troubled spot in the Yugoslav kingdom. The Serbs assumed the lead in the kingdom after 1918.

In 1928, the leader of the Croatian Peasant Party was murdered in the Yugoslav Parliament, and relations between the Serbs and Croats remained very strained for the next ten years, but had improved considerably before the outbreak of war. When Germany overran Yugoslavia, Croatia was called an independent kingdom, with a nominal King, the Italian Duke of Spoleto. Dictator was sinister Ante Pavelich, who was condemned to death by a French court for complicity in the Murder of King Alexander in 1934.

Serbia is the largest unit making up the Yugoslav kingdom. It was Serbia which received the first attack by the Central Powers in 1914, and which, in 1918, formed the administrative backbone of the new Yugoslav state.

# CAMP THEATRE RADIO CONTEST

Last night, at the Camp Theatre, a further three competitors were heard in the Radio Talent Quest. The judges had a difficult decision to make, for items two and three were very even. The contest was won by Dvr. Coates of 2/163 A G T Coy with a fine rendering of "When Day is Done," and the quartette gave a spirited novelty arrangement of "Tiger Rag". The third item was a trombone Solo "Melancholy Baby".

More entries are wanted by Amenities for this Quest. If you are interested and wish for a chance to be heard in a broadcast performance, ring Ext 129.

## PLAY READING AT GRIFFITH'S HOUSE

To-morrow night, at the Arts Club, Griffiths House, the Alice Springs Theatre Group will present a Play Reading of "Night Must Fall". Those who saw their recent successful presentation of "Play Parade", will look forward to to-morrow's reading with pleasant anticipation. The Theatre Group is at present rehearsing Noel Coward's witty three act comedy "Hay Fever", for presentation early in November.

## CAULFIELD RESULTS

Debutant Stakes (Fillies) Mauve Star 14/1 1	Twinkle Star 20/1 2	Royal Gift 25/1
Debutant Stakes (Colts & Geldings) Attley 25/1 1	Viva 10/1 2	Norstar 10/1
Caulfield Stakes (W F A) Lawrence 5/4 1	Counsel 2/1 2	Franquill Star 3/1
Caulfield Guineas Kintore 8/1 1	Silver Rocks 3/1 2	Regal Coin 25/1
Herbert Power Hdop 1 Div Claudette 11/4 1	Peter 8/1 2	Contact 15/1
Herbert Power Hdop 2 Div Sirius 11/2 1	Azores 6/1 2	Collini 33/1
Toorak Hdop The Bohemian 50/1 1	Nagation 6/1 2	Phoenix 50/1

ADELAIDE RESULTS (1) Air Fox 7/2, (2) Fondness 9/4, (3) Fryar's Hope, (4) Bronze Bow 7/1 (5) Gay Post 5/1, (6) Blue Stone 33/1, (7) Prince Way 8/1

## AREA CRICKET

Cricket fixtures were advanced another stage yesterday and some very good performances were registered. The storm, of course, interfered with play somewhat. One more day of play remains in which the selectors may see the likely candidates for the Interstate games the following Sunday.

RESULTS 122 AGT and AEME - a draw. AEME 9 for 93 when play was halted by the storm. Engineers 8 for 204 defd BIPD 8 for 122. 121 - 3 for 194 defd Ord 9 for 138. Civilians 125 defd RAAF 94. A G H 2 for 152 defd Sup 92 and 2 for 61. 2/163 AGT 103 defd A W C by 4 runs on the first innings.

## TENNIS

Tennis fixtures commenced yesterday, ironically on the first day that we have had any rain for months. Almost in every case, because of the storm, matches were incomplete and a decision will be made on the results at the first tennis meeting.

## BOXING

Although it was hoped that another good boxing night could be staged next Friday at the Camp Theatre, it was revealed at a meeting held during the week-end that, with exception of one or two doubtful preliminaries, no boxer in the Area with the possible exception of George Sweeney is in sufficient nick to fight a main bout, even if it were possible to find an opponent for him. Under the circumstances it was wisely decided that it is better to have no boxing night at all than to have a poor one. "Give us the Boxers and we will soon put a night on" was unanimous voice of the Committee. An individual with any knowledge at all of boxing who would like to have a go, please contact your Unit Sports Officer or N C O and the Committee will do the rest.

### DRAW FOR 2ND ROUND OF C OF E BILLIARD TOURNAMENT

MONDAY NIGHT Rev. Smith v Clark. Hammond v Moore. O'Shannassy v White. Elliot v Amos. Stafford v Kenneswell. Redman v McLean. If unable to play tonight ring C of E Rectory or Army Ext 55, 2 rings. (Pte Clark)

### A-MENITIES NEW STOCKS

New arrivals at Amenities Store include Sewing Machine, Automatic Exerciser, Sports Locker, Aladdin Lamps, Primus Stoves, White Tennis Shorts, Cricket Material, Flat Irons, Gramophones, records and needles, Banjo, Mandolin, Saxophone, Tennis Balls, Two Pianos and a small quantity of electrical goods.

Why not pay us a visit any afternoon from 1400 to 1700 hours.

DEFINITION A bolt is a thing like a stick of iron with a square bunch on one end and a lot of scratches going round and round the other end. A nut is similar to a bolt, only just the opposite being a hole in a little square of iron sawed off short, with rings also round the inside of the hole.