

DAILY NEWS SHEET

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SUBTLE ON TUNIS

The Allies are now so close to Tunis that our artillery is shelling the city. There is heavy fighting near Bizerta and day and night air raids on this city and Tripoli, which has just received its worst bombardment of the war. Merchant vessels off the coast of Tripolitania, a small coastal vessel and two trains have been destroyed. Algiers was the base for the attacks on these places and also Sicilian aerodromes. An Axis meeting in Rome to discuss the North African position is possible. It is considered that 50 divisions would be required for a successful counter-attack. The Axis may withdraw here and possibly attack the 9th Army through Turkey. The two French submarines which escaped from Toulon have reached Algiers. Last to arrive the "Casablanca" was accorded military honors by the Fighting French. In bad weather conditions the R.A.F. raided Turin. Saturday's fires were said to be still burning. In all operations on the North African coast we lost only one fighter.

GERMAN OCCUPIED TERRITORY DATTERED

Widespread R.A.F. attacks embraced Northern France, Germany, Belgium and shipping off the Dutch coast.

BITTER GERMAN RESISTANCE

In Russia the Germans are fighting back. Large-scale attempts to escape north of the Don have been frustrated. Winterton tells of leaflets pointing out their hopeless position being showered on the trapped enemy.

GRIM STRUGGLE IN NEW GUINEA

The fifth attempt by the Japs to reinforce their New Guinea forces has failed. Two of four enemy destroyers were set on fire and probably sunk. Seven Jap aircraft at Lae have been destroyed. A battle for the beachhead near Buna is in progress. In this area an 8,000-ton German auxiliary vessel was scuttled by its crew when intercepted. 78 Germans were captured. Timor was again heavily raided.

R.A.F. ACTIVE IN BURMA

The R.A.F. maintains its heavy attacks on Japanese-occupied aerodromes in Burma.

ENEMY SUPPLIES ATTACKED

In the Solomons two cargo ships and two destroyers carrying ammunition were attacked with good results.

CHURCHILL COMENDED

American comment. ^{OF} Churchill's most recent war review is uniformly favourable. "His devastating denunciation of the Italians may play a big part in knocking them out of the war." Yesterday the British Prime Minister was 68. uniformly

THE HOME FRONT

The final draft of the Constitution Bill will be considered tomorrow. Arrived in Australia, Capt. Foss, U.S. flyer has a bag of 22 Zeros. "They fall to pieces when hit", he says, "but their pilots are skilful". Socialised medical services in a modified form could commence tomorrow, but we must wait till doctors on service can express their opinion" says eminent surgeon, Air Vice-Marshal Hurley. Permission to sell machine tools must now be obtained and advertising them for sale is forbidden. Owing to the discontinuance of manufacturing football sweaters some Midbourne League teams may have to change their colours next season.

STOP PRESS

Athletics entries HAVE NOT been received from -

146
2/108
2/122
2/142

Engineers.
Ordnance.
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SPORTING NEWS

ATHLETICS. The following Warforce events will be the basis of the Area Sports Meeting on Dec 16. It is each Unit's responsibility to decide on its representative BEFORE 9 DEC. No late entries accepted.

Running - 100, 220, 440, 880 yds, 3 miles cross country.

Relay Race (team of 4 running 100 yds. each).

1 Mile Madley (880, 440, 220 and 2/110 yds.)

(1 team of five to compete).

Jumping - High and Broad jump; Hop Step and jump.

Novelty events - Throwing the cricket ball.

Hot Putt.

Kicking the football.

Throwing the Discus

Tag-of-War (team of 4 men, all in army boots, one minute pull.)

Woodchop (12-in logs, underhand cut)

Cross Cut Saw competition (14 in logs, 5-ft M tooth saw to be used.)

One individual or team will be nominated by each unit except for 3-mile cross country run where two entries will be allowed.

KOOKYONG COMES TO ALICE SPRINGS. With Davis Cup player Viv McGrath participating, there was an expectant atmosphere at the Admin. Tennis Court on Sunday last when the mixed tournament began. Both he and partner VAD Scott gave a classy exhibition and there was plenty of spirited opposition from Arnold-Miss Pilgrim and Knight-Miss Cheong, whom they eliminated in a triumphant march to the finals in the first half of the draw. On Thursday at 1815 hours McGrath-Miss Scott, who are handicapped at over 30, meet the other finalists Krellie, a Wimmera (Vic) star, and Miss Betty Presgrave, on the Camp court. We will not venture to forecast the result but are confidently tipping a outside in galleries.

FOOTBALL. Some slashing football talent scintillated at the Racecourse on Sunday although several units were unrepresented. Practice will be in full swing with three balls at 2/110 ground (in rear of the canteen) tomorrow at 1800 hours. We repeat our warning - NO TRAINING, NO TRIL. Past performances don't count.

CRICKET SECRETARIES! You may have the services of our repairer IF you send us your bats before they are irretrievably damaged. Otherwise you will have to despatch them south for re-blading. Your co-operation please!

INTERNATIONAL SOFT-BALL. 10 Baseballers wanted for a soft-ball game against our friends the Yanks. on Sunday afternoon. Starters see Staff Captain Amenities.

PROJECTIONISTS! Can you operate a Movie Machine? Vacancies shortly for 2 NOCs at the local camp cinema. Register application with complete details of experience with Staff Captain Amenities.

BOXING TONIGHT AT 2/110th. These are the bouts. Don't miss them!

Ponfild (149th)	v	Morrish (109th)	Tucker (4 Army)	v	Condon (109th)
Johnson (108th)	v	Reyes (109th)	McKenna (146th)	v	Monahan (146th)
Williams (110th)	v	Burns (4 Army Tpt)	Dalton (122nd)	v	Cutmore (-----)

AT THE BUTTE. Hundreds at the firing point during the last 10 days! Full details will appear later. These are interim results of the most successful to date:- Sgt. Murphy 44, Capt. Scrymgeour 42, Cpl. McCourville 42, Pte. Bartram 42, Pte. Stewart 42, Pte. Wilson 42, Sgt. Lomman 41, Major Young 40.

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