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Item number: 8/3/14

2/14 Infantry Battalion

May 1943

PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
RAVENSHOE	1	The month started with a fine warm day but with no indication that the number of evacuations because of malaria would decrease. See Appx 6. A Brigade parade was held at 0900 hrs. In the afternoon an inter-Coy Basketball Tournament was held and C Coy proved themselves superior. Capt WATTS Camp Comd 7 Aust Div visited the unit. The Co, Lt-Col LANG, and Adjt of the 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn stayed for evening mess.
	2.	A cool day with light showers. Church Parade was held at 0845 hrs on the Bn Parade Ground. Padre FINLAY officiating. A leave party of one offr and forty ORs visited TULLY FALLS. Lieut FARMER was OC Party. Capt CAIRNS and Lieut STEEDMAN marched in from hospital. In the afternoon the Bn Football Team, (Aust) Rules, played the 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn team and the result was a win for us by 7 goals.
	3.	Cool Southerly winds with misty showers. Capt CAIRNS resumed duty as Adjt. Brig DOUGHERTY conducted a TEWT in the MILLSTREAM FALLS AREA. The CO and IO Offrs of this unit attended. A picture party numbering approximately 80 departed for RAVENSHOE at 1815 hrs and returned to Camp at approximately 1159 hrs. The CO, Lt-Col H B CHALLEN, continued his lectures on Amphibious Warfare in the Offrs Mess at 1930 hrs. Selected NCOs and all offrs attended. Night training was postponed till Fri 7 May 43.
	4.	Cool with light showers. Brig DOUGHERTY conducted a TEWT with offrs of the Bde. Lt-Col CHALLEN and IO Offrs of this unit attended. Lt-Col ROME (6 Fd Amb) called to arrange for medical examinations of personnel in this unit.
	5.	Cool with misty rain. Lt-Col ROME and MAJ HUMPHREYS commenced medical examinations.
	6.	Fine but cloudy with temperate southerly breezes. Lt-Col ROME and Maj HUMPHREYS continued their examination. The Bn exercise was changed to Coy Exercises because of large working parties out all day. Volunteers for the Parachute Bn were examined at 1400 hrs. The Offrs Mess held a General Meeting at 1930 hr s
	7.	Fine and Cool. The CO, Lt-Col CHALLEN MBE, conducted an orderly room at 1930 hrs. Brig DOUGHERTY visited Bn HQ. Lieut McILROY (Bde LO) called at Bn HQ. At 0900 hrs Lieut SCHWIND departed for Camouflage School. Canteens Mobile Picture Unit showed "TIN PAN ALLEY" and shorts in the Bde open air theatre.
	8.	Cool but fine. Cold night. Bn Parade was held at 0830 hrs. A large number from the Bn attended the TUMOULIN Race Meeting. Most units of the Division were represented and the meeting proved successful. Capt LANDALE was one of the officials. The anniversary of the Bn's inception (6 May 40) was celebrated tonight, The Sgts and Offrs Messes celebrated and free beer and canteen comforts were issued to the troops. All ORs were given a 5/- canteen order from Bn Funds. A Camp Fire concert with the Bn Band supplying the music was held during the evening. Brig DOUGHERTY, Lt-Col BISHOP and MAJ OWENS (BM) were entertained at the Offrs Mess.
	9.	A fine day. The 2/25 Bn joined us on Church Parade on our Parade Ground at 0900 hrs. Padre FINLAY officiated. Capt McGLINCHEY was evacuated to 6 CCS with dengue fever. Padre FINLAY held a song service in the recreation tent at I900 hrs.
	I0.	Misty rain in the morning changing to fine sunshine before noon and lasting for the rest of the day. A full day Bn Exercise was held under Bde Direction. Brig DOUGHERTY spoke to all ranks giving them the picture before the exercise commenced. Swift and flanking movements to destroy opposition in the form of delaying forces when pursuing a retreating enemy were practised.

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
RAVENSHOE	11	A few light showers throughout the day, otherwise fine. Coy training in the morning. In the afternoon Offrs and NCOs from the 2nd American Paratroop Bn explained and demonstrated their weapons and sig eqpt. A shoot was held with the American 81 MM and 60 MM Mortars and the 2" and 3" mortars. All Offrs and ORs were on the parade except for essential duties. Our weapons compared favourably with the Americans but signal equipment was far superior. Sgt R N THORNE was accidently wounded at the demonstration. Injury was slight. The American Offrs and Sgts visited our Offrs and Sgts Messes respectively for evening mess.
	12	Overcast with misty showers. Coys practised river crossing in the morning. In the afternoon Coys practised field engineering. The evening meal was eaten in the field and later Coys RV at the MILLSTREAM FALLS Area and then took up road block positions in the darkness. Bn HQ personnel provided raiding parties.
	13	A fine warm day. Coys returned from the exercise at 0730 hrs. Chap FINLAY and Lieut GREENWOOD visited the 2/2 AGH, the latter for a medical check. Capt CAIRNS was evacuated to the 6 CCS with malaria. Lt-Col CHALLEN gave a further lecture on Amphibious Warfare at 1915 hrs in the Offrs Mess.
	14	A fine warm day. Capt HAMILTON and 34 ORs marched in from the 21/25 Bde Carrier Group to which they were detached in NEW GUINEA. They disembarked at CAIRNS 13 May 43. The CO conducted a Coy Comds conference at 1330 hrs.
	15	Overcast with misty showers. A Bde Parade was held this morning. The Bn formed up on the Bn Parade Ground at 0815 hrs. The CO, Lt-Col CHALLEN, and Adjt and Coy Comds attended a conference at Bde immediately after the parade.
	16	Misty rains in the morning changing to fine clear weather afternoon. Chap FINLAY conducted church parade at 0930 hrs. Lt-Col CHALLEN held a Coy Comds conference at 1030 hrs to discuss the Bde Exercise to take place on the 18 to 21 May 43. 30 ORs in command of Lieut FARMER did a full day trip to LAKE EACHAM.
	17	Overcast light showers in the evening. A draft of reinfts and X List personnel marched in at 1130 hrs. Lieut GREENWOOD was interviewed at 7 Aust Div HQ for Guard Bn. Int Section recced route for the Bde Exercise. Lt-Col CHALLEN held a conference preparatory to the Bde exercise at 1915 hrs. Coy Comds and Specialist Offrs attended.
	18	Overcast with occasional misty showers. At 1330 Bn HQ and the Coy HQs moved out on Bde exercise. See Appx 7. At 1110 hrs 18 Reinfts marched in. Lieut STEEDMAN was evacuated to 6 CCS with malaria. Sgts WATSON and JEFFREY 'S commissions gazetted as from 1 May 43. A/Lieut WATSON was posted I.O., and A/Lieut JEFFREY who was in hospital with malaria, was posted to IO Platoon.
	19	A fine morning changing to heavy fog in the afternoon. The main body for the Bde Exercise moved out at 1045 hrs under Capt HAMILTON. Capt MAINWARING and 1 S/Sgt marched in at 1500 hrs from the 2/8 Dental Unit. Capt HAMILTON who had returned from the exercise marched out at 2359 hrs in charge of 34 ORs proceeding on 14 days Home Leave.
	20	A fine day. A working party commenced erection of dental tent. Padre FINLAY returned from the exercise during the morning.

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PLACE	DATE	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
RAVENSHOE	21	A fine day. The unit returned from the Bde Exercise at approximately 1230 hrs. Adjt COOPER of the SALVATION ARMY provided coffee and biscuits half-way Capts McGLINCHEY and CAIRNS and Lieut McILROY visited the Mess this evening from the 6 CCS. The CO, Lt-Col CHALLEN MBE, left at 1530 hrs and proceded to ATHERTON to dine with Maj-General STEVENS DSO.
	22	A fine sunny day. A Bde parade was held at 0900 hrs. HQ of this Bn was inspected by the Brigadier. Coys trained as per syllabus. At 1330 hrs the CO held a Coy Comds conference and brought up points noticed in the Bde Exercise. Capt CAIRNS arrived at 1630 hrs from the 6 CCS to attend the Bde Anniversary with Lt-Col CHALLEN. Capt McKENZIE and 4 ORs from the 9 Aust Div who were on exchange for our representatives, Lieut THOMPSON and 4 ORs, left to return to their units at 1330 hrs.
	23	A fine day with bright sunshine. A leave party of 20 Ors under Lieut WATSON spent the day at LAKE EACHAM. Church Parade was held at 1930 hrs with Padre FINLAY officiating. The CO attended a football match between 2/16 and 2/27 Bn teams. Six sisters from the 2/2 AGH were entertained at the Offrs Mess during the evening.
	24	A Fine day. "D" Coy started on the Bn Scout Course under Lieut PALLIER. "A" Coy played the Int Section Basketball which resulted in a victory for "A" Coy.
	25	Fine. The Bn Dental service started operating today. All Coys to be examined this week.
	26	Overcast and Cool. Bn and Coy HQs commenced the Divisional Communication Exercise at 0700 hrs. For details see Appx 8.
	27	A fine day. 20 personnel from "B" Coy went through the Scout Course. Capt CAIRNS, Adjt, returned from 6 CCS at 1400 hrs.
	28	A fine sunny day. Personnel taking part in the Div Exercise returned to Camp today at 1245 hrs. The CO attended mess at the 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn Offrs Mess.
	29	Fog in the early morning changing to bright sunshine throughout the day. A Bde Parade was held at II00 hrs. Coys trained in Camp Area. Capt MOORE of the AES gave a lecture on the PHILLIPINES. The CO, Lt-Col CHALLEN, attended the 2/27 Bn Anniversary. A Leave Party of 2 Offrs and 90 Ors under Lieut Pallier attended the TUMOULIN Races. Lieut W B LAING marched in at I030 hrs from GDD REDBANK.
	30	Fine Sunny day. Church Parade was held at 0900 hrs with Padre FINLAY officiating. Brig DOUGHERTY and staff attended. In the afternoon this Bn played the 2/33 Bn one Hockey and two Rugby League Matches. In all three we were outmatched. In the evening the Mobile Cinema Showed "His Exciting Night" on the Bde Screen.
	31	A fine day. The unit moved out to the TULLY FALLS to take part in the Bde Exercise. See Appx 9. Lieut JEFFREY returned from the 2/2 AGH this evening. He is to return to VICTORIA for 3 or 4 months convalescence.

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ADMIN INSTRUCTION - BDE EXERCISE 18 - 21 MAY 43

Intelligence Section
2/14 Battalion A. I. F.

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
17 May 43.
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1. OBJECT: To practice routine in static and semi-static positions writing and passage of messages and reports.
Phase i. With HQs only down to Coys, on ground.
" ii. With troops including enemy on ground.

2. LESSONS: (a) The siting and organization of HQs in close country.
(b) The importance of reliable and secure intercommunication.
(c) The importance of forwarding information back and forward.

3. DURATION: The exercise for Bn will be divided into two parts.
(a) BHQ and Coys HQs RV with guide at BAILEY'S HOUSE and occupy positions by 1800 hrs 18 May 43.
(b) Troops occupy Bn areas by 1800 hrs 19 May 43.

4. PERSONNEL: For phase 1 BHQ, Coys HQs and No 1 Pl with all sub-units, except No 1 Pl, built up to correct strength. No 1 Pl to comprise as many Sigs as available. Cpl cook or senior cook only.
For phase 2 all available troops in Coys and balance of cooks except those detailed to remain in camp.

5. DRESS: Slacks, Battle order (Jungle Scale), steel helmets. (Rifle Coy Officers to carry rifles).

6. STORES: One shovel per man plus four picks per Coy. Two axes per Coy.
For phase 1, dixies two each per rifle Coy - 3 each per HQ Coy and BHQ. To be drawn at 1330 hrs 18 May 43 from RQ Store.
For phase 2, dixies seven each per Rifle Coy - 10 HQ Coy. To be drawn at 0800 hrs 19 May 43 from RQ Store.

7. AMN: Blank ammunition to be drawn by Coys and issued on scale of 15 rds per rifleman.

8. RATIONS: Cut lunch will be carried by HQ party for evening meal 18 May. Cut lunch will be carried by main party for midday meal 19 May. Sjt COULTER to arrange. Rations for exercise will be delivered to ASC Dump and carried by unit to areas. Two days Emergency Rations carried per man and WILL NOT BE BROKEN.

9. UMPIRES: Allotted on scale of one per Coy.

10. SCHEDULE: HQ Party assemble Bn Parade Ground at 1400 hrs 18 May 43. Main party move out to training area during morning of 19 May and carry out training (detailed in separate instruction) and RV on track opposite BAILEY'S HOUSE Coy cooks and "Q" Staffs at 1630 hrs, remainder RV at same place at 1700 hrs. Coy guides will lead each party to positions.

11. LOCATION OF HQ: Present location of Bde will be known as Rear Bde HQ and HQ in the field as Adv HQ. Bn HQ will be similarly designated.

12. INTERCOMMUNICATION: No. of 108 sets as available from each Coy to Adv BHQ. Line telephony from Adv Bn HQ to each to each Adv Coy HQ (if personnel available. One runner per Coy to report to RSM as soon as Coys are in position. Code names as in Bde Instn S/300/43. LOs to be detailed.

13. MESSAGES: All action messages prefixed with CANOPY.
All practice messages prefixed with CAPSULE.

14. MAPPING: An enlarged sketch of area will be issued to Coys and will be used throughout exercises.

K.O. [illegible]
Lieut
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

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Bde. EXERCISE 18 MAY 43.

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ADMIN INSTRUCTION FOR 7 AUST DIV EXERCISE

2/14 Bn. A.I.F.
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2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
25 May 43.
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1. OBJECT (a) A skeleton exercise to practice Comds and Staffs down to Coy HQ and to test Signal communications.
(b) To study problems involved in advance when porters NOT available.
(c) To live on emergency rations for approximately 60 hours.

2. DURATION - Exercise commences approximately 0600 hrs 26 May 43 and concludes approximately 1400 hrs 28 May 43.

3. MAP - ATHERTON Tableland Route Map 4 miles to 1 inch ONLY will be used on exercise (available from "I" Sec).

4. UMPIRES - Allotted down to Coy HQ.

5. PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING - As detailed at Coy Comds conference 1015 hrs 25 May 43.

6. FINAL CONFERENCE - will be held 1100 hrs 30 May in RAVENSHOE HALL and will be attended by all officers taking part in the exercise.

7. DRESS - Normal jungle scale including picks, shovels and axes.

8. AMN - BLANK ammunition only will be carried and will be drawn by Coys on scale of 15 rounds per rifle.

9. CLOSE SUPPORT WEAPONS - 0Cs, Nos 2 and 3 Platoons to parade with Bn HQ.

10. RATIONS -(a) Emergency rations ONLY to be carried. Issued on scale of 2 2/3 days per man.
(b) Individual cooking will be practiced.

11. BLANKETS - (a) One additional blanket per man will be carried.
(b) Extra blankets will be bundled and clearly labelled in Coy lots of approximately 8 per bundle.
(c) Bundles will be dumped at Stores Dump outside RQ Store by 1800 hrs (25.5.43)

12. R.A.P. (a) One RAP Orderly (with complete kit) will travel with BHQ.
(b) Genuine casualties will be evacuated per 2/6 Fd Amb.

13. WATER - (a) One water duty man will be detailed and travel with HQ Coy.
(b) A water truck will be provided by Bde and travel with 2/16 Aust Inf Bn for use by them and 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
(c) One 2-gallon water tin per 8 men will be clearly labelled and dumped with blankets.

14. TRANSPORT - (a) At conclusion of exercise all troops will be transported back to camp. Details later.
(b) Transport will be available for carriage of Office Equipment, Signal gear etc and will move in bounds of 800x within Bn perimeter.
(c) Unit will be responsible for protection of transport at all times.
(d) Carriers will be provided by Coys as detailed.

15. PARADE STATES - Adv Coy HQs will submit same as at 1500 hrs daily to reach Adv Bn HQ by 1500 hrs daily.

16. CARRIERS - (a) Following is allotment of carriers to be provided by Coys for unit use only. Carriers will cut down equipment to a bare minimum and NOT carry arms or ammunition.

A Coy)
B Coy) 6 each to report to STORE DUMP at 0700 hrs.
C Coy)
D Coy)

B and C Coys will each include 1 NCO. (Extra Blankets will be dumped in separate bundles with Coy Bundles.
(b) Following is allotment of carriers to be detached for duration of exercise to Bde and "K" Sec Sigs.

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A Coy	1 NCO and 6 ORs	) To parade to Bn HQ at 0630 hrs 26 May [illegible]
B "	6 ORs	) will issue them rations and parties will
C "	6 ORs	) carry their own bundles of blankets as detail-
D "	1 NCO and 6 ORs	) led in para 11 above.
HQ "	1 NCO and 12 ORs	)

(NOTE - NCOS will be responsible for discipline etc.)

17. MESSAGES - (a) Messages dealing with genuine casualties will begin "REAL CASUALTIES".
(b) Action and exercise messages will be identified in lieu for instruction.

18. INTERCOMMUNICATION - (a) Neutral Sigs for use of umpires will be attached to units (They will wear white armbands).
(b) One Don R will be attached to Bn HQ plus one bycycle.
(c) One runner per Coy to report to BnHQ at time of Coy parade.
(d) Sjts LYNN and STIRLING will act as LOs for duration of exercise.

R.A. Dredge.
Lieut.
A/Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

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TUMOULIN HACK RACE CLUB MEETING - 20 MAY 43

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
20 May 43.
Ref No. 20/1/17

All Coys, HHQ.

1. Ref 7 Aust Div Adm Circ A18 of 18 May 43. Coy Parties (Strengths below) will report with nominal rolls to Bn Orderly Officer on "NEW GUARD AREA" opposite Camp Water Tank, 0840 hrs tomorrow 20.5.43:-

BHQ	9	B Coy	4	
HQ Coy	25	C "	18	TOTAL: 96
A "	24	D "	16	

2. TRANSPORT -

(a) Major LANDALE will arrange transport for members of the Band.
(b) Forward Trip - Embussing point - Road junction MOUNT GARNET - 21 MDM Roads; Start Time 0910 hrs.
(c) Return Trip - Embussing point - Racecourse; Start Time 1700 hrs (NB: Expected to reach Camp by 1800 hrs).

3. MEALS - CQMSs and Messes will provide a cut lunch for personnel concerned. Canteen Services will provide light refreshments on the Course. TEA - Coys will keep late tea for members of party.

4. DISCIPLINE - Officers and NCOs will be responsible for control of embussing and debussing points, and also for collecting of Unit parties for return journey.

5. ADMISSION - Free to all Military personnel.

6. TOTE - A 5/- Tote will operate on all races.

7. TWO-UP - Two-up schools will NOT operate on Racecourse area.

8. JOCKEYS - Transport NOT required for the Div Pool may be used for transport of jockeys and representatives of Syndicates desiring to purchase horses.

9. PROGRAMME -

1230 hrs	-	Auction of Horses.
1330 hrs	-	First Race.
1630 hrs	-	Last Race.
1805 hrs	-	Last convoy arrives Camp area.

10. OFFICIALS - Military personnel on the Committee, and all other personnel detailed for duty on the day will report to Major R. WHITE in the Saddling Paddock NOT later than 1100 hrs.

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11. MEDICAL - ADMS 7 Aust Div will arrange for Military Ambulance and Medical Orderly to be present.

Lieut Commanding
for Capt.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

APPENDIX "A"

TUMOULIN HACK RACING CLUB
CONDITIONS OF AUCTION
FOR MILITARYR ACE SATURDAY 29 MAY

1. The highest bidder shall be the purchaser. Any dispute arising from such bids shall be settled by the auctioneer immediately by a re-auction.

2. The purchaser shall be the temporary owner of horses put up by auction until after the last event. All care will be taken by the temporary owners from the time the horse or horses are knocked down by the auctioneer until the said purchaser's temporary ownership expires.

3. No responsibility will be taken by temporary owners for accidents occuring in races.

4. Money received from such auctions will be distributed as follows:-

Three-quarters to Sweepstakes.
One-quarter to the TUMOULIN HACK RACING CLUB.

5. Temporary owners of winners will be able to collect sweep-stakes money at the tote immediately after each race.

6. Numbers will be issued to temporary owners by the auctioneer immediately after purchasing the horse or horses, and the said horse or horses willbe identified by these numbers.

7. Horses will be nominated to events by drawing the numbers from a hat.

8. Temporary owners wishing to name their horses will hand in name immediately on purchasing.

9. Auction of horses will commence at 1230 hrs.

10. In addition to the sweepstakes the Club is providing prize money for eadh race as follows:-

FIRST PRIZE	£3.10.0
SECOND PRIZE	£1. 0.0
THIRD PRIZE	10.0

11. Sixteen horses have been loaned for the day by a local station owner.

12. Saddles, bridles, and Racing Colours are being provided by the Club.

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ADMIN INSTRUCTION FOR BDE EXERCISE No 2

SECRET

2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
31 May 43.
Copy No. 14

In the Field
Ref Map PALMERSTON 1" to 1 mile.

1. EMBUSSING - Lieut McILROY will be embussing Officer. No 1 Truck will carry Rocco pa rty under Major LAIDALE.
(i) This will include: Coy 2 i/cs and two ORs from Rifle Coys. Int Sjt and 3 ORs from BHQ, 1 officer and 3 ORs from HQ Coy.
(ii) The rocco party will report to Major LAIDALE a t 0500 hrs at BHQ and will be transported to destination prior to convoy.
B. No 2 Truck (utility)will carry CO Adjt RSM Batmon and clerks.
C. No 3 Truck will carry rema indor of BHQ under Lieut WATSON.
D. Remainder of vehicles will carry Coy personnel. Coys to be ready to embus at 0515 hrs 1 Jun 43. Embussing point as Appendix " A ".

2. Ca pt McGLINCHEY will be OC Rear Details.

3. GUARD - A composite Guard of 3 NCOs and 25 ORs will remain in camp during exercise.
(B) Allotment is as follows:- Hq Coy 1 NCO - 6 ORs. A Coy 1 NCO - 5 ORs. B Coy .- 5 ORs. C Coy 1 NCO - 4 ORs. D Coy - 5 ORs.
(C) An extra boat is incorporated :- Roving picquet in Offrs Lines.

4. STATES COY - Personnel left in this area, will render to BHQ daily a strength state showing personnel in lines only. Coys w ith advance BHQ will show number participating in exercise only.

5. POSTAL - Mail will be delivered daily.

6. AMN - Blank ammunition w ill be issued in Bn bivouac site.

7. WATER - Water points will be notified during exercise.

8. RATIONS - Cookhouses will be established in "B" Echelon Area and meals transported to troops in forward areas. One e mergency per man will be carried. These Rations w ill NOT be used unless by direct order of the Commanding Officer.

9. CANTEEN - A canteen vehicle will report to Adv HQ on Wednesday and Fri -day. No liquor will be s old on exercise.

10. MEDICAL - A Detachment of 2 /6 Fd Amb will be attached to Bde HQ.

11. PAY - Pay will be ava ilable on return from exercise.

Issued at 1430 hrs 31/5/43.

A Cann Capt.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

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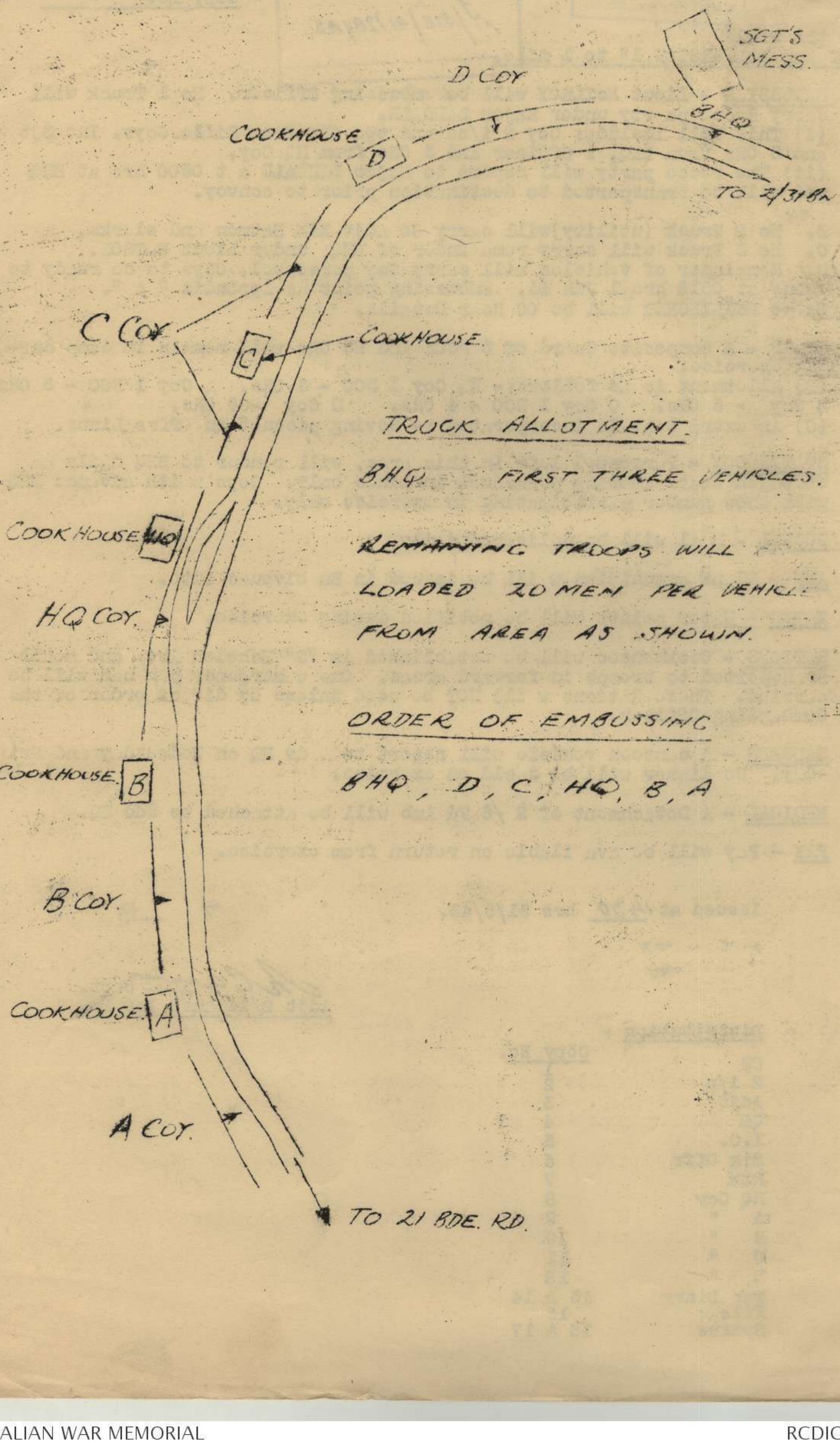
APPENDIX "A"

EMBUSSING AREAS

1 JAN 43.



TRUCK ALLOTMENT.

B.H.Q. FIRST THREE VEHICLES.

REMAINING TROOPS WILL LOADED 20 MEN PER VEHICLE FROM AREA AS SHOWN.

ORDER OF EMBUSSING

B.H.Q., D, C, H.Q., B, A

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WAR DIARY

ADMIN INSTRUCTION FOR 7 AUST DIV EXERCISE

2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
25 May 43.
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1. OBJECT (a) A skeleton exercise to practice Comds and Staffs down to Coy HQ and to test Signal communications.
(b) To study problems involved in advance when porters NOT available.
(c) To live on emergency rations for approximately 60 hours.

2. DURATION - Exercise commences approximately 0600 hrs 26 May 43 and concludes approximately 1400 hrs 28 May 43.

3. MAP - ATHERTON Tableland Route Map 4 miles to 1 inch ONLY will be used on exercise (available from "I" Sec).

4. UMPIRES - Allotted down to Coy HQ.

5. PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING - As detailed at Coy Comds conference 1015 hrs 25 May 43.

6. FINAL CONFERENCE - will be held 1100 hrs 30 May in RAVENSHOE HALL and will be attended by all officers taking part in the exercise.

7. DRESS - Normal jungle scale including picks, shovels and axes.

8. AMN - BLANK ammunition only will be carried and will be drawn by Coys on scale of 15 rounds per rifle.

9. CLOSE SUPPORT WEAPONS - OCs, Nos 2 and 3 Platoons to parade with Bn HQ.

10. RATIONS -(a) Emergency rations ONLY to be carried. Issued on scale of 2 2/3 days per man.
(b) Individual cooking will be practiced.

11. BLANKETS - (a) One additional blanket per man will be carried.
(b) Extra blankets will be bundled and clearly labelled in Coy lots of approximately 8 per bundle.
(c) Bundles will be dumped at Stores Dump outside RQ Store by 1600 hrs (25.5.43)

12. R.A.P. (a) One RAP Orderly (with complete kit) will travel with BHQ.
(b) Genuine casualties will be evacuated per 2/6 Fd Amb.

13. WATER - (a) One water duty man will be detailed and travel with HQ Coy.
(b) A water truck will be provided by Bde and travel with 2/16 Aust Inf Bn for use by them and 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
(c) One 2-gallon water tin per 6 men will be clearly labelled and dumped with blankets.

14. TRANSPORT - (a) At conclusion of exercise all troops will be transported back to camp. Details later.
(b) Transport will be available for carriage of Office Equipment, Signal gear etc and will move in bounds of 800 within Bn perimeter.
(c) Unit will be responsible for protection of transport at all times.
(d) Carriers will be provided by Coys as detailed.

15. PARADE STATES - Adv Coy HQs will submit same as at 1500 hrs daily to reach Adv Bn HQ by 1500 hrs daily.

16. CARRIERS - (a) Following is allotment of carriers to be provided by Coys for unit use only. Carriers will cut down equipment to a bare minimum and NOT carry arms or ammunition.

A Coy)
B Coy) 6 each to report to STORE DUMP at 0700 hrs.
C Coy)
D Coy)

B and C Coys will each include 1 NCO. (Extra Blankets will be dumped in separate bundles with Coy Bundles.
(b) Following is allotment of carriers to be detached for duration of exercise to Bde and "K" Sec Sigs.

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A Coy	1 NCO and 6 ORs	To parade to Bn HQ at 0630 hrs 26 May 43. Coys will issue them rations and parties will carry their own bundles of blankets as detailed in para 11 above.
B "	6 ORs	
C "	6 ORs	
D "	1 NCO and 6 ORs	
HQ "	1 NCO and 12 ORs	

(NOTE - NCOS will be responsible for discipline etc.)

17. MESSAGES - (a) Messages dealing with genuine casualties will begin "REAL CASUALTIES".
(b) Action and exercise messages will be identified in later instruction.

18. INTERCOMMUNICATION - (a) Neutral Sigs for use of umpires will be attached to units (They will wear white armbands !
(b) One Don R will be attached to Bn HQ plus one bycycle.
(c) One runner per Coy to report to BnHQ at time of Coy parade.
(d) Sjts LYNN and STIRLING will act as LOs for duration of exercise.

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ADMIN INSTRUCTION - BDE EXERCISE 18 - 21 MAY 43

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17 May 43.
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1. OBJECT: To practice routine in static and semi-static positions writing and passage of messages and reports.
Phase i. With HQs only down to Coys, on ground.
" ii. With troops including enemy on ground.

2. LESSONS: (a.) The siting and organization of HQs in close country.
(b) The importance of reliable and secure intercommunication.
(c) The importance of forwarding information back and forward.

3. DURATION: The exercise for Bn will be divided into two parts.
(a) BHQ and Coys HQs RV with guide at BAILEY'S HOUSE and occupy positions by 1800 hrs 18 May 43.
(b) Troops occupy Bn areas by 1800 hrs 19 May 43.

4. PERSONNEL: For phase 1 BHQ, Coys HQs and No 1 Pl with all sub-units, except No 1 Pl, built up to correct strength. No 1 Pl to comprise as many Sigs as available. Cpl cook or senior cook only.
For phase 2 All available troops in Coys and balance of cooks except those detailed to remain in camp.

5. DRESS: Slacks, Battle order (Jungle Scale), steel helmets. (Rifle Coy Officers to carry rifles).

6. STORES: One shovel per man plus four picks per Coy. Two axes per Coy.
For phase 1, dixies two each per rifle Coy - 3 each per HQ Coy and BHQ. To be drawn at 1330 hrs 18 May 43 from RQ Store.
For phase 2, dixies seven each per Rifle Coy - 10 HQ Coy. To be drawn at 0800 hrs 19 May 43 from RQ Store.

7. AMN: Blank ammunition to be drawn by Coys and issued on scale of 15 rds per rifleman.

8. RATIONS: Cut lunch will be carried by Main party for evening meal 18 May. Cut lunch will be carried by main party for midday meal 19 May. Sjt COULTER to arrange. Rations for exercise will be delivered to RSC Dump and carried by unit to areas. Two days Emergency Rations carried per man and WILL NOT BE BROKEN.

9. UMPIRES: Allotted on scale of one per Coy.

10. SCHEDULE: HQ Party assemble Bn Parade Ground at 1400 hrs 18 May 43. Main party move out to training area during morning of 19 May and carry out training (detailed in separate instruction) and RV on track opposite BAILEY'S HOUSE Coy cooks and "Q" Staffs at 1630 hrs, remainder RV at same place at 1700 hrs. Coy guides will lead each party to positions.

11. LOCATION OF HQ: Present location of Bde will be known as Rear Bde HQ and HQ in the field as Adv HQ. Bn HQ will be similarly designated.

12. INTERCOMMUNICATION: No. of 108 sets as available from each Coy to Adv BHQ. Line telephony from Adv Bn HQ to each to each Adv Coy HQ (if personnel available. One runner per Coy to report to RSM as soon as Coys are in position. Code names as in Bde Instn S/300/43. LOs to be detailed.

13. MESSAGES: All action messages prefixed with CANOPY.
All practice messages prefixed with CAPSULE.

14. MAPPING: An enlarged sketch of area will be issued to Coys and will be used throughout exercises.

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2/14 AUST INF BN - TRAINING SYLLABUS - WEEK ENDING 29 MAY 43

DAY	0840	0830-0845	0845-0915	0915-1015	1015-1115	1115-1215	1330-1430	1430-1530	1530-1630	1830-2130
1	Rev Pde	Bn Pde Inspection		Digging of individual pos-itions (as in Bde exercise)		construction of Brush Shelters	Disposal of POWs (I sec)	C.W. tng	P & R T Basketball	
2	do	Coy Pde Inspection	Coy Rifle Drill	RANGE PRACTICES - COY ARRANGEMENTS.						Standing Patrol Small Recce Patrols & St-lking enemy outposts.
3	do	do	do	SCOUT COURSE (to be detailed later)						
4	do	do	do	W.T. TOETs all weapons		Snipers Post Treeclimbing with irons	Lecture in the planning of quick consolo-dation	Bynt Tng & Unarm comb-at.	Swimming Instruction	Movement by night of Coy deployed.
5	do	do	do	Pl exercise. To be prepared by Offrs. Practice in small patrols from position & stalking of enemy outposts & stand-ing patrols		"Lunch to be cooked in the field"	Coy tng to be conducted in field detailed		by Coys	
6	do	BnPde	Drill	Spare at dis-cretion of the Coy Cond	W.T. Bren Fixed lines Tripod & improvised	Lecturette Current Affairs	MAKE AND MEND SPORTING FIXTURE			

NOTES: 1. Specialist training to be carried out as detailed by C C HQ Coy in conjunction with above.
2. Attention to be paid to smartness in bearing and dress especially when training in Coy Lines.
3. Attention to be paid by leaders in teamwork and cohesion from Coys to Sub-Section groups.
4. See Appendix "A" attached.

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TRAINING SYLLABUS - WEEK ENDING 22 MAY 43

DAY	0640	0830 - 0845	0845 - 0915	0915 - 1015	1015 - 1115	1115 - 1215	1330 - 1430	1430 1530 1530 - 1630	1800 - ?
1	Reveille Pde 10 mins Doub -ling	Coy parade Inspection	Close Order &Rifle drill	Sec & indiv posts vari-ous types to be dug & camouflaged		W.T. S.M.G.	C.W.Tng	Fld engineering Wiring-Fence, Trip Booby Traps	
2	Reveille Pde 10mins Doubl	Bn Pde 0845 - 0915 Markers to RSM 0835		Sniper Posts Treeclimbing	Map Reading Jan Grid	Bayonet Tng Unarm Combat	W.T.Bren	Swimming and P&RT. Non swimmers to be coached B&Coy HQs-Exercise Area	Bde exercise Practice in HQ & Comn
3	Ditto	COMBAT COURSE (Coys will be notified in separate instruction of personnel						Bn moves to exercise Area and occupies posns by 1800 hrs,	Bde occupies Posns planned in Tues Exercise.
4	Brigade remains in these positions (Practice routine in positions, writ-ing and passing messages and reports.							Bn acts as enemy for Bde exercise	
5.	Exercise Concludes at 0900 hrs. Bn moves back to camp			Elementary Mapping and Sketching.		Bayonet Tng UnarmCombat	RANGE PRACTICE - Personnel to be detailed		
6	Reveille Pde 10mins Doubl	Bn Parade 0845 - 0915 Markers to RSM 0835		W.T. 2" Mortar	Lecturettes Current Affairs	Close Order & RifleDrill	MAKE & MEND. RECREATION. SPORTING FIXTURE.		

NOTES:
1. Specialist training to be carried out as detailed by O C HQ Coy in conjunction with above.
2. Attention to be paid by leaders in teamwork and cohesion from Coys to sub-section groups.
3. Particular attention to be paid to smartness in bearing and dress especially when training in Coy Lines.
4. 1800 hrs Day 2 applies to Bn HQ and Coy HQs only.

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TRAINING SYLLABUS - WEEK ENDING - 15 MAY 43

DAY	0640	0830-0845	0845-0915	0915-1015	1015-1115	1115-1215	1330-1430	1430-1530	1530-1630	1830-2100
1	Reveille Parade 10 Mins Double	Coy Parade Inspection	RAPID DEPLOYMENT OF BATTALION - - - ENCIRCLING ATTACK EXERCISE DIRECTED BY BDE COMD							
2	do	do	Weapon Tng 2" Mortar	Close Order Drill by Pls. Rifle Exercises	Section Tng - Control Formations, Fire Orders Firing Posns, Observation, Rapid construct of Weapon Pits and Nasty c'flge		Weapon Tng Bren	Visit of USA Offrs and Sgts Demo Weapons	Lecturette Ranks of other Arms and Allied Services	
3	do	do	RIVER CROSSING		Map reading Compass work	Compass March by Secs. Bn to RV for lunch	Practise Pls and Coys in movement by Field Signals Silend movement etc...			Occupation of posn after dark. In continuation of exercise of Thu 6th
4	do	do	Mvt back to camp area	Weapon Tng Bren	Bayonet Tng. U/armed Combat	Weapon Tng SMG	Coy & Pl Close Order Drill & Rifle Exercises	Basket Ball and rec. exercises	Swimming Instn.	
5	do	do	RANGE PRACTICE - Personnel to be detailed				FIELD ENG. Digging of Weapon Pits. Erection of defensive wiring, trip wires etc			Pl as Fighting Patrol
6	do	Bn Parade 0815. Markers to RSM by 0805 hrs.	Weapon Tng SMG and Grenades	Gas Tng Decontamination of weapons and arm.	Lecturette Current Affairs.	Close order drill Rifle Exercises.	Make and Mend and Recreation			

NOTE: 1. Specialist tng to be carried out as detailed by OC HQ Coy in conjunction with above.
2. Tng on Days 3 and 4 will be combined. The Bn will move out of Camp on morning of Day 3 and return on morning of Day 4. The following points will be practised:-
i Camouflaging posns and individual c'flage
ii Jungle-craft-scouting silend mvt and concealment of tracks
iii Anti-Malarial precautions and hygiene
iv Making best use of hard and energ. rations.
v Building Bush Shelters
vi Occupying posn at dark, digging in and having it prepared by daylight.

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn - TRAINING SYLLABUS - Week Ending 8 May 1943

DAY	0640	0845	0915	1015	1115	1215	1330	1430	1530	1630
1	Reveille Parade 10 mins double	Coy Pde Inspect	Pl & Coy Drill Close Ord & Inf	W.T. S.M.G.	Patrol and patrol report Verbal & written messages		W.T. Bren	Map Reading	CW Tng theory and practice	~~Night march by Pls using compass and stars~~
2	Ditto	Ditto	Pl exercises. Offrs to prepare and conduct in EW Tng Area. Active enemy to operate and practice given to tps in quick decision and reaction.				Bayonet Tng Unarmed Combat.	Basketball and P.T.	Swimming instruction	
3	Ditto	Ditto	Range Practices - Personnel detailed in separate instructions				Ambushes - Theory and Practice.		W.T. Bren	Compass [illegible] by Pls using Compass. Tps to return in syndicates.
4	Ditto	Ditto	Exercise based on HUGGINS Rd Block - Patrol work, intercommunication with outposts, protection of supplies along L of C to be practiced. Hasty weapon pits.							
5	Ditto	~~Ditto~~ DEMO. & PRAC Necessary as brought out in Bde	~~W.T. 2" Mortar~~ Fd SIGNALS T.E.W.T.	Hygiene Sanitation and antimalarial precautions	Booby traps - Demo and practice. Method of using 36 M Grenade for Booby traps		Disposal of POW, capture Documents	Bayonet fighting Close Country	Swimming Instruction	NIGHT MARCH By Pls using Compass & Stars
6	Ditto	Bn Pde 0815. Markers to RSM 0805 hrs.	Rifle Drill Guards and Sentries	W.T. Tank Attack Rifle	Lecturette Current Affairs	Basketball and P.T.	Make and mend and recreation			

NOTES - 1. Troops will wear battle order in all field work.
2. Offrs and NCOs to ensure that team work is practiced wherever possible.
3. Specialist training appertaining to Nos 1, 2, 3, and 4 Pls will be carried out as detailed by O.C. Hq COY in conjunction with above.

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2/14 AUST INF BN - TRAINING SYLLABUS WEEK ENDING 1 MAY 43.

DAY	0640	0830 0845	0845 0915	0915 1015	1015 1115	1115 1215	1330 1430	1430 1530	1530 1630	1830 2100
1.	Reveille Parade	Coy Parades	Sectional Tng, to cover control, fd signals, formations, firing positions fire orders and control, observation Tng			Individual and Sec. stalking	W.T. BREN	Compass Work Theory and Practice	Tree climbing Selection Snipers Posts	Sectional tng Control, formations, silent movement, maintenance of direction.
2	"	"	Recapitulation Individual Instn on Drill	Practice in individual camoufl'g - and hasty preparation of sectional weapon pits - camfl'g of same			Preparation of booby traps trip wires, warning devices Theory	W.T. Theory & Practice Grenade	P & R.T. Basket Ball	
3	"	"	Pl & coy drill Close order & rifle drill	W.T. BREN	Practical Hygiene Preparation of Latrines etc.	Map Reading Grids incl. Jan Grid	W.T. S.M.G.	C.W. Tng Theory & Practice	Bayonet Tng U/armed Combat	Pl. training Control, Formations, silent movement, maintenance of direction
4	"	"	Pl. exercises. Offrs to prepare Pl exercises and conduct same in training area. Particular attention to be paid to control, fd signals and formations				Swimming instruction. Coys to ensure suitable coaches are provided for non-swimmers			
5	"	"	Rifle Drill Guards & Sentries Paying of compliments	Range Practices Personnel will be detailed in separate instruction			W.T. BREN	Crossing water obstacles in full kit.		
6	"	Bn parade 0815 Hrs Markers to RSM 0805	W.T. 2" Mortar		Lecturettes Current Affairs	Basketball as Physical Training	Make and mend and recreation			

NOTES.
1. N.C.Os must be alert at all times and immediately correct any faults observed in training.
2. Troops will wear battle order in all field exercises.
3. Specialist training appertaining to Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 Pls is being carried out in addition to portion of above syllabus.

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WEEK ENDING	No. OF EVACS
7th May 43	8
14th May 43	9
21st May 43	5
28th May 43	11
TOTAL	30

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ORIG No	T O R	FROM ~~TO~~	T O O	MESSAGES - RECEIVED - ~~PROMULGATED~~	ACTION TAKEN
CC051	-	VETO	1600	Amn expenditure 303 BDR 500 ⊙ 9mm OWEN 1000 ⊙ 2 MOR HE 10 ⊙ Requirements 303 BDR 300 ⊙ 9mm OWEN 1000 ⊙ 2 MOR HE 30 ⊙ 380 REV 40	Seen by CO.
SE7		SOLO	1740	Alteration to exercise map ⊙ Track jungle 435759 should be placed at 436758 at rd bend ⊙ add track from 437761 to edge jungle at 435762	Seen by CO.
Y1		TEMI	1820	TEMI in position	
J1 18		TEMI	1820	Ref YGAKBNC1-Palmerston 1-220 ⊙ In position	
GO1		WIPI	1850	Recce patrol reports crashed enemy aircraft 2000x bearing 38° degrees from this H.Q. ⊙ Two men left as picquet ⊙ Please advise further action required	
CG2		YONA	1858	One unidentified A/C heard overhead at 1855 ⊙ Think twin-engined ⊙ Direction uncertain ⊙ ack	
GO2		WIPI	1905	Shortages clothing eqpt urgently required as follows Boots AB prs Two seven Five nine Five ⊙ Oil GS p5 one flannelette 20 yards ⊙ Trousers KD prs One size 22 Shirts GJ one size 6	Seen by RQ
GO3		WIPI	1907	One LMG Brew destroyed by mortar blast ⊙ No casualties ⊙ replacement required.	Seen by CO + RSM
?		TEMI	1915	Boots + clothing cannot proceed unless re-equipt	
?		NUTI	1925	Amm return as at HOVK hrs TCV NLCK roads SMG Wmm VCCC rds Tank attack XM EXK rds.	Seen by RSM
CC054		VETO	1928	AX 1 and 0 AY AZ B C 2 and 9 D wounded LIEUT EVANS KA	
?		KENI	1930	Require rum issue immediately	
GO6		WIPI	1935	Heavy fire pulling left flank appears to be woodpecker ⊙ Shots striking tree tops ⊙ Direction 280 degrees approx 2000 yds ⊙ No casualties ⊙ AM observing further with view applying see MMG PL	Seen by CO

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ORIG Nº	TOR	FROM	TOO	MESSAGES - RECEIVED PROMULGATED	ACTION TAKEN
AP 1		YONA	0700	Three men req collect breakfast rations from YONA kitchen at 0730 hrs today	CANO informed
AP 3		YONA 14	0730	Breakfast dishes to be returned to this kitchen in clean condition ⊙ Dixies to be filled with water	" "
?		FOFO	0700	Unless otherwise ordered Capt Hamilton will move unit to RV at ref map MT GARNETT 1" to 1 mile 415790 and hand over to Lieut Farmer for further advance ⊙ Capt Hamilton will return to lines to prepare ~~for~~ for leave	
AP 4		YONA	1112	Three men req collect lunch rations from this kitchen at 1155 hrs today ⊙ Containers to be returned in clean condition at completion of meal	
?		SOLO	0930	Leave train serial 37 NOW 38 expected to depart RAVENSHOE 2300 hrs 19 MAY ⊙ Transport will pick up personnel at junction track 1 mile south TINE CREEK School ⊙ entrance TULLY FALLS Rd ⊙ Time of depart will be confirmed at earliest	Coys informed
NZ		NUTI	1330	HQ established. Ref YTLAMP	

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Date 18/11/43

ORIG No	T O R	FROM ~~TO~~	T O O	MESSAGES - RECEIVED - PROMULGATED	ACTION TAKEN
CC050	-	VETO	1547	Amn expenditure NIL & Requirements NIL	
605		WIPI	1927	Strength state as at 1830 hrs Two officers nine ORs one det to Cano	

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G07		WIPI	1941	VX 20802 Pte Smith GJ GSW palm left hand three fractures Metacarpels ⊙ Suspect SIW investigation proceeding ⊙ Evacuated RAP 1818 hrs	Seen by Adjt
G08		WIPI	2005	H'Q prepared for move pending arrival of guide from YONA ⊙ Will advise when change over completed	
G09		WIPI	2009	Recommend immediate award DCM to VX 14455 S/Sgt Lane AC for bravery in saving life of VX 38847 Lieut Greenwood JR by throwing himself on blind 36 Gren HE ⊙ Detailed report following	
G010		WIPI	2025	Sitrep ENEMY not pursuing advantages gained ⊙ Consolidating in present position ⊙ Patrols have not contacted enemy during last four hours ⊙ Casualties NIL	
?		NUTI	?	YD TURNIPS plus dehydrated SEAL ER men for X days will collect KYCK hrs ZJ May together with QD Y rec VL prawns	
		NUTI	?	Strength state NUTI at RPYK hrs. Posted strength X officers 2RM OR's Detached 1 OR to YONA (Pte Green) HOR to CANO (Pte Collins) Work ROR from YONA (Pte Robertson) 2OR from CANO (Pte Dobson) Present Strength M officers RRX ORS	Ord Room
?		NUTI	?	Larch cannot be HOOK lack of boots ⊙ DK prs missed trousers L pairs must be supplied to make Larch mobile size of trousers ZY	Seen by RQ

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Date 19 MAY 7

ORIG NO	TOR	FROM	TOO	MESSAGES - Received - Promulgated	ACTION TAKEN
J 2		TEMI	1345	Ref FTAIBUKI Palmerston 1 inch to 220 yards ⊙ Establishing new posn	
SE 18 ?		SOLO	1355	Password for 24 hrs from 1800 hrs 19th ⊙ Challenge ⊙ Lovely ⊙ reply LAURA ?	
FKI		WIPI		Disposition unchanged	
IPI		VETO	1735	Two pound Ath G moved from VETO area ⊙ 3" Mortar & MMG situated on outside corner of main track	
				MAY 20.	
SE 18.		SOLO	1355	⊙ password for ~~2400 hrs. from~~ 1800 hrs. 19th ⊙ CHALLENGE. O. LOVELY. ⊙ reply O LAURA.	

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Date 19-20

ORIG No	TOR	FROM	TOO	MESSAGES - RECEIVED - PROMULGATED	Action Taken
FK1		WIPI	1410	⊙ dispositions unchanged	
FK2		WIPI	1450	⊙ remainder of coy arriving 1445 hrs	
WB 167		YONA	1755	⊙ rifle No 2307 or 3207 on issue to a member of 3 pl. is at present missing	
G 01		WIPI TEMI	1820	all rifles carried by personnel from camp today are held in coy area	
—	0945	SOLO	0930	SECRET - Leave train serial 37, now 38, expected to depart RAVENSHOE 2300 hrs 19 May - Tpt will pick up personnel at junc. track 1 mile South VINECREEK SCHOOL and entrance TULLY FALLS rd - Time of depart. will be confirmed at earliest	
FK4		WIPI	1515	1 N.C.O. 2 ORs sent to form ambushing party at creek junction ⊙ Patrol sent to investigate live personnel ⊙ They proved to be ADS over hill ⊙ Bearing on hill 63° Ambushing party arrived back with one prisoner	Seen by OC.
FK6		WIPI	1545	Standing patrol sent out to ~~investigate~~ cover track from creek junction	Seen by I.O.
FK7		WIPI	1545	Fighting patrol one section sent out to investigate shots	" " "
		FOFO	?	Rations left 0900 hrs.	
B276		FOFO	1700	Urgent ⊙ Vacancy NCO NOT below rank of Sgt allotted for gas school ⊙ Nomination by 2200 hrs today.	
B275		FOFO	1725	Explosives now available ⊙ if still required advise & time ref to Lieut D.	
FK8		WIPI	1740	Patrol 1 officer 5 ORs sent out to endeavour to get rations ⊙ Patrol successful.	

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Date 18 May.

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R1		TEM1	1905	Send out another patrol to recover the equipment ⊙	
I1		SoLo	1917	Sitrep to 1900 hrs 18 ⊙ CANO in posn in triangle 433761/437760 436757 ⊙ Enemy patrol activity ⊙ One Bren gun destroyed by enemy fire	
I1		SoLo	1917	Sitrep to 1900 hrs 18 ⊙ CANO in posn in triangle 435761/438760/ 436757/ Enemy patrol activity ⊙ One bren gun destroyed by enemy fire ⊙ No casualties	
JW1		SoLo	1935	Amm state ⊙ expenditure ·303 200 rds Mor 3" 20 HE ⊙ Amm held ·303 1000 rds Mor 3" 10 HE 8 smoke grenades 36 1108 Gren 68 20 TK/A 2pdr 30 9mm 1000 rds.	
R2		SoLo	1955	Please requisition on our behalf to First Aust army Stationery Depot ten thousand message pads Thousand reems of foolscap. URGENT.	
O3		WIP1	1955	WIP1 to be prepared for immediate enemy infiltration to Home to resist enemy infiltration action ⊙ YONA will take over your posn forthwith ⊙ Move as soon as YONA has completed changeover ⊙ Guide will report to you from HOME immediatly ⊙ Ack	
14		SoLo	1955	Canteen supplies tobacco 372 ozs.	
I2		SoLo	2040	Sitrep as at 2030 hrs ⊙ ENEMY patrol activity right flank ⊙ Enemy bombers dropped supplies left flank 1950 hrs ⊙ Infiltration at HOME 1955 hrs ⊙ Own activity Jap patrol frustrated 1930 hrs ⊙ Coy sent to relieve HOME 1955 hrs ⊙ Casualties enemy 2	
R3		SoLo	2025	Nom for Eng School ZY100000 Starbottle VZ100002 Lieut Hawagen L/C Shag TZ100003 Cpl Pullit	

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Date. 20th MAY 1943
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ORIG No	TOR	~~FROM~~ TO	TOO	MESSAGES - Received - Promulgated	Action Taken
WO 3		FOFO	1025	Reference message WO2 ration not arrived ⊙ Have rations departed and what time Ack. -	20 May.
S2		TEMI. NUTI. WIPI.	?	L/T - R/T will cease to coys at 1100 hrs ⊙ Runners will be used after that time	
WO 4		All Coys	?	All cooking gear to be at ration point by 0830 hrs ⊙ Also any US picks & shovels	21st May.

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ORIG No	T O R	~~FROM~~ TO	T O O	MESSAGES - RECEIVED - PROMULGATED	ACTION TAKEN
04		FOFO	2300	15 personnel MUST be made available and stand by at FOFO for interview with HORNE ⊙ Hottes JC and Fowler JH to be held back from main ~~body~~ party ⊙ Personnel must be A1 and 35 years or in that vicinity ⊙ Younger only if necessary. new recruits are eligible ⊙ Personnel to be standing by from 1200 hrs 19 May ⊙ ack	

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Date 10 MAY

ORIG N°	TOR	~~FROM~~ TO	TOO	MESSAGES RECEIVED – PROMULGATED	ACTION TAKEN
006		CANO all Coys	1005	Leave train 38 expected to depart Ravenhoe tonight ⊙ Personnel concerned in this area to be held at respective HQs ready to move on receipt of further instruction ⊙ Ack	Coys informed
I 3		~~CANO~~ All Coys	1243	Rations will be picked ups at old CANOPY area by 1345 ⊙	" "
I 4		~~Cano~~ all Coys	1245	All Coys will send one guide to BAILEY'S house 1630 hrs today to meet main party and guide Coys to respective Coy areas ⊙ This BHQ will be responsible for guiding cooks in	" "
I 3		All Coys	1320	CANO HQ closed down in old area 1320 hrs ⊙ Reopen new location old NUTI area 1400 hrs	" "
2		FOFO	0750	Please send general RAP gear	
09		FOFO	2120	Ref gas nominations ⊙ THORN. HQ Coy.	
010		SOLO	2130	Suggest SOLO contact BETI for rations ⊙ Rations for 20 May captured and returned to BETI	

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Date 19-20 May

ORIG Nº	TOR	TO	TOO	MESSAGES RECEIVED PROMULGATED	Action Taken
i3		All Cos	1320	CANO HQ has closed down in old area 1320 hrs & reopen new location in old NUTI area 1400 hrs	
i 24		SOLO	1415 (1st to me	Location statement to Coy as at 1400 hrs & to run as PALMERSTON SHEET 6 CANO 1900 BKN TEMI 4748 BUSH NUTI 4776 HILL YONA 6748 BUC WIPI INN BNK VETO GUM BKN	
08.		FOFO	1435	Send by BATTALION TRUCK today & 10 days packs of petrol & 1 grease & safety repeat to Rear Hqrs	
IN 2		SOLO	1715	Comm check Sta. A 3135 hrs & requirements	
08	TEMI NUTI VETO WIPI YONA CANO		1740	Confirmed & to be executed & check that all ships carrying personnel from camp today, at present below Corvakes & are	
NO2		FOFO	1910	So here's that Head Count by fifteen men Heard thirty two men Specific ninety-five men & send Sandow this plus one case bully four dozen tins cheese Any 1000 hrs Tomorrow	
			0930	SECRET Leave train serial 37 now 38 expected to depart RAVENSHOE 2300 hrs 19 May - Transport will pick up personnel at June. track 1 mile South VINECREEK SCHOOL and entrance TULLY FALLS Road Time of depart. will be confirmed at earliest	ERRATUM IN MESSAGE
R 3	0950	YONA TEMI NUTI	0930	Daily parade state will now be required to reach this HQ by 1200 hrs daily - If reinfs have at that time NOT arrived, an estimated strength will be shown - when the true strength is known, an amended state will be submitted - care to be taken to show attachments and detachments in detail	
05	1000	FOFO	1000	Leave train 38 expected depart RAVENSHOE 2300 hrs tonight - personnel of MAIN PARTY concerned to be held in camp pending further instns - Please reply	
07		All Coys	1225	Personnel for leave train 38 - R/V immediately track Junction TEMI area - Report "I" sit - Ack	Coy Sgt Majors
S1		All Coys	0840 ~~1115~~	Midday meal 1130 hrs meat to be cooked for this meal & tea will be dry rations	Coys Sgt Majors
?		FOFO	0915	One cook per Coy reporting back to you tonight on ration truck & Arrange midday meal in camp all personnel at 1230 hrs at respective cook-houses & Officers mess WILL open for midday meal. Dgts mess if possible	
?		All Coys	0920	One cook per coy will report to R Qrs at ration point ready to move 1700 hrs today & Hence will proceed back to camps on ration trucks to prepare midday meal in camps tomorrow	Coys Sgt Majors

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Unit & Place CANO ..... ACTION DIARY Date 18 MAY 43

Serial No	Originator	Date	Time	Information	Deduction	Notes	Action Taken
1	-	18	1535	Bn arrives at ~~Bivouac Area~~ tea area			
2	-	"	1730	Bn HQ established Ref 436761			
3	D	do	1745	D reports in position Ref 435761			
4	C		1800	C coy in position Ref 437761			
5	C		1840	2 unidentified men challenged by C coy escaped in scrub SOUTH of track			
6	Mortar Pl.		1900	One mortar in position at A and D coys			
7	MMG "		do	One sec. MMG's with A and D coys			
8	WIPI		1907	One LMG Bren destroyed by mortar blast - no casualties - replacement required			
9	C		1915	C coy mortar opened up			
10	B		1930	B coy established ref 436759			
11	A		1820	A coy do ref 437760			
12	I.O		1920	Mortar firing on BHQ, 3 O.R.S wounded			
13	I.O.		1905	Chopping heard on right. Patrol of 6 investigated and reported chopping done by 2/16 Bn			
14	A		1915	A coy captured 1 civilians; escorted back to Bde			
15	C		1930	C coy encountered ENEMY patrol on right fwd flank; Lieut Evans killed, gunshot wound in the chest, Two Japs killed Singlet brought back for identification Jap patrol has now withdrawn Lieut Sevett taking over Coind			CO and Bde informed
16	C		~~1940~~	~~Pt fwd sec C coy clashed~~			
17	D		1925	Nine ENEMY bombers escorted by fighters passed overhead. Dropped supplies. Recce patrol reports clashed ENEMY A/C 2000 x bearing 38° from this HQ	Probably dropped in wrong area	one bag rice found	Investigation in morning
18			1950	2/17 require reinfts D coy sent to reinforce 27th Bn ~~HQ~~ to be relieved by HQ coy			

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Unit & Place..... ACTION DIARY Date 18 MAY 43....

Serial No	Originator	Date	Time	Information	Deduction	Notes	Action Taken
19		1.8	1855	One unidentified A/C heard overhead thought twin. Jugmed, direction uncertain			
20			1950	CO wounded, evacuated to Fd Amb Capt Landale takes over			
21	A		2007	One Capt, one Sig Offr, one OR from Pr. Bn. stopped and detained by A coy Escorted to Bde			
22	D		2025	ENEMY NOT pursuing advantages Consolidating present posn. Patrols have NOT contacted ENEMY during last four hrs			
23	D		1935	Heavy fire on left flank D coy, appears to be "woodpecker". Shots striking tree tops. Direction 280° appx 2000 yds No casualties			
24	D		2009	Immediate award DCM recommended to VX 14455 S/Sgt LANE A.C. for bravery in saving life of VX 38847 Lieut. GREENWOOD J.R. by throwing himself on blind 36 Gren. H.E.			

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Unit & Place CANO at BAILEY'S ACTION DIARY Date 19 May 43

Serial No	Originator	Date	Time	Information	Deduction	Notes	Action Taken
~~1400~~ (1)		19	1400	Coys moved to new locations forming perimeter about BHQ located at ref 437760. During afternoon Coy HQrs prepared new posn for occupation by Aps			Bde informed by sig i 4.
			1500	Main body of bn arrived and were guided to Coy locations			
	VETO	19	1735	2pr. A/tk Gun moved from VETO area. 3 inch mortar and MMG situated on outside corner of main track			

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Code Names Bn Coys Plns etc

Phonetic Alphabet

A - Able
B - Baker
C - Charley
D - Dog
E - Easy
F - Fox
G - George
H - How
I - Item
J - Jig
K - King
L - Love
M - Mike
N - Nan
O - Oboe
P - Peter
Q - Queen
R - Roger
S - Sugar
T - Tare
U - Uncle
V - Victor
W - William
X - X Ray
Y - Yoke
Z - Zebra

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1	K	D	O
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ENCODE

MEANING	CODE
Nouns	
A.A.L.M.G.	Orchid
Advance	Sardine
Anti-personnel	Ribbon
Ambulance	Lamb
Ammunition	Ranch
Aircraft	Mullet
A.F.V.	Bubble
Anti Aircraft	Bilge
Artilleyy	Grouse
Attacked	Handle
Attack	Egg
Action	Bottle
Allied	Ginger
A.L.C.	Otter
Base	Beast
Battery	Clinker
Battalion	Rabble
Bombs	Stamps
Bomber	Sprat
Bridge	Paddle
Brigade	Rat
Bren	Razor
Camp	Test
Carrier	Silo
Company	Nickle
Communication	Soda
Conference	Tavern
Crossing	Sow
Cross R ads	Sty
Cut off	Tambo
Damp	Sugar
Defence	Master
Despatch Rider	Bantam
Detachment	Donkey
Dive Bomber	Cobra
Dummy	Jackal

MEANING	CODE
Enemy	Leach
Escarpment	Skin
Exclusive	Snail
Entrance	Sole
Feature	Pot
Fighter	Salmon
Flash Spotter	Smoke
Flight	Straw
F.D.L.	Thimble
Forward	Shin
Grass	Thrush
Gun	Sofa
Group	Litter
Headquarters	Host
Heavy	Hippo
Hill	Gable
High	Spleen
H.E.	Closet
Howitzer	Buried
Inclusive	Soup
Intelligence Ofr	Fox
Japanese	Tadpole
Junction	Sump
Jungle	Thatch
Jeep	Seat
Kunai	Pepper
Light	Shovel
L.M.G.	Kitten
Man or men	Rose
Map	Banana
Mangrove	Dance
Message	Symphony
M.D.S.	Cellar
M.G.	Apple
M.T.	Candle
M.P.H.	Charcoal
M.L.C.	Bramble
Mitsubishi	Curtain

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ENCODE

MEANING	CODE	MEANING	CODE
Motor Boat	Spike	<u>Verbs</u>	
Mobile	Strop	Advance	Grizzle
Mounted	Lottery	Attack	Choke
Mountain	Pimple	Ambush	Jump
Natives	Copper	Destroy	Bark
NCO	Sna ke	Drop	Feed
Night	Snow	Fly	Flip
Operation Order	Tarpaulin	Find	Arrest
Order	Thumb	Cut off	Bite
Objective	Tap	Construct	Drench
P.O.W.	Toad	Hold	Beg
Position	Saddle	Have	Grab
Petrol	Slops	Make	Hurl
Patrol	Spool	Move (to)	Hook
Plantation	Lace	Occupy	Growl
Palms	Lemon	Order	Buck
Range	Spade	Retire	Clap
Ration	Soap	Report	Brag
Report	Sythe	Repulse	Mutter
RAP	Sheet	Send	Pluck
River	Alligator	Shoot	Snap
Rendezvous	Basin	Stop	Crawl
Reserve	Corn	Salvage	Crush
Recce	Sable	Take	Sway
Stores	Beetroot		
SAA	Sock	<u>Place Names</u>	
Tank	Oak	Atherton	Rhubarb
Track	Sprocket	Babinda	Sextant
Troops	Skunk	Black Gate	Sheik
Truck	Lark	Cairns	Monkey
Transport	Shawl	Chilverton	Letter
Tank Attack	Sail	Evelyn	Knife
Valley	Grotto	Gordon Vale	Lunch
Vehicle	Stump	Herberton	Oyster
Water	Current	Horseshoe Bend	Punch
W/T	Sister	Innisfail	Sling
		Kaban	Ship
		Kalunga	Sack

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MEANING	CODE
Place Names (Cont)	
Longland Gap	Squash
Mareeba	Table
Milla Milla	Tassle
Millstream Falls	Talisman
Miner's Common	Stick
Mt Garnet	Shock
Mt Ida	Mint
Mt Mulligan	Raddish
Moomin	Milk
Mungana	Shop
Palmerston	Seal
Ravenshoe	Sickle
Speciman Hill	Show
Tully	Robin
Tully Falls	Ladder
Tepon	Deer
Tumoulin	Sledge
Turulka	Shore
Yungaburra	Shade
Wondecla	Aspen
River-Creeks	
Ahaya Ck	Adder
Basalt Ck	Bean
Blacksoil Ck	Astor
Coolabi Ck	Anthill
Corduroy Ck	Bear
Evelyn Ck	Fan
Flaggy Ck	Eagle
Goonara Ck	Hog
Gwynne Ck	Heather
Mitchell Ck	Ferret
Nigger Ck	Scuttle
North Cedar Ck	Cockroach
Prarie Ck	Cobble
Sandy Ck	Cloak
Sister Ck	Garden
South Cedar Ck	Coal
Weire Ck	Cockle
Wild River	Tram
Roads	
Atherton-Ravenshoe	Jonquil
Herberton-Evelyn	Stock
Kuban Road	Strap
Malanda Road	String
Oevelyn Highway	Tack
Palmerston Rd	Lobster
Tully Falls Rd	Animal
Upper Barron Rd	Badger
Miscellaneous	
At Maximum speed	Bison
At Normal Speed	Boxwood
As soon as possible	Broach
Hostile	Buffalo
Immediately	Cabbage
Our Own	Chalk
Rapid	Celery
Slow	Cedar
First Light	Bull Finch
At dusk	Feater

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DECODE

CODE	MEANING
Nouns	
Adder	Ahaya Ck
Alligator	River
Anthill	Coolabri Ck
Animal	Tully Falls Rd
Apple	M.G.
Arrest (v)	Find
Aspen	Wondecla
Astor	Blacksoil Ck
Badger	Upper Barron Rd
Banana	Map
Bantam	Despatch Rider
Bark (v)	Destroy
Basin	Rendezvous
Beetroot	Stores
Bear	Corduroy Ck
Beast	Base
Berry	Howitzer
Bean	Basalt Ck
Beg (v)	Hold
Bilge	Anti Aircraft
Bison	At maximum speed
Bite (v)	Cut off
Bottle	Action
Boxwood	At normal speed
Brag (v)	Report
Bramble	M.L.C.
Broach	As soon as possible
Buck (v)	Order
Buffalo	Hostile
Bullfinch	First Light
Bubble	A.F.V.
Cabbage	Immediately
Candle	MT
Celery	Rapid
Cedar	Slow
Celler	M.D.S.
Chalk	Our Own
Charcoal	M.P.H.
Choke (v)	Attack
Clap (v)	Retire
Cloak	Snady Ck
Clinker	Battery
Closet	H.E.
Coal	Sth Cedar Ck
Cobra	Dive Bomber
Cobble	Prarie Ck
Cockle	Weire Ck
Cockroach	North Cedar Ck
Copper	Native
Corn	Reserve
Crawl(v)	Stop
Crush (v)	Salvage
Currant	Water
Curtain	Mitsubishi
Dance	Mangrove
Deer	Tepon
Donkey	Detachment
Drench(v)	Construct
Eagle	Flaggy Ck
Eggs	Attack
Fan	Evelyn Ck
Feather	At dusk
Feed(v)	Drop
Ferret	Mitchell Ck
Flip(v)	Fly
Fox	Intelligence O
Gable	Hill
Garden	Sister Ck
Ginger	Allied
Grab(v)	Have
Growl(v)	Occupy
Grizzle	Advance
Grotto	Valley
Grouse	Artillery
Handle	Attached
Heather	Gwynne Ck
Hippo	Heavy
Hog	Goonara Ck
Hook(v)	Move(to)
Host	Headquarters
Hurl (v)	Make
Jackal	Dummy

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DECODE

CODE	MEANING	CODE	MEANING
Jonquil	Atherton - Ravenshoe Rd	Rat	Brigade
		Razor	Bren
Jump (v)	Ambush	Rhubarb	Atherton
Kitten	L.M.G.	Ribbon	Anti-personnel
Knife	Evelyn	Robin	Tully
Lace	Plantation	Rose	Man or men
Ladder	Tully Falls	Sable	Recce
Lark	Truck	Sack	Kalunga
Lamb	Ambulance	Saddle	Position
Leach	Enemy	Sail	Tank Attack
Lemons	Palms	Salmon	Fighter
Letter	Chilverton	Sardine	Advance
Litter	Group	Scuttle	Nigger Ck
Lobster	Palmerston Rd	Seal	Palmerston
Lottery	Mounted	Seat	Jeep
Lunch	Gordon Vale	Sextant	Babinda
Master	Defence	Shade	Yungaburra
Mint	Mt Ida	Shawl	Transport
Milk	Moomin	Sheik	Black Gate
Monkey	Cairns	Sheet	RAP
Mullet	Aircraft	Shin	Ford
Mutter(v)	Repulse	Ship	Kaban
Nickle	Company	Shock	Mt Garnet
Oak	Tank	Shop	Mungana
Orchid	AALMG	Shore	Turulka
Otter	ALC	Shovel	Light
Oyster	Herberton	Show	Specimen Hill
Paddle	Bridge	Sickle	Ravenshoe
Pepper	Kunai	Silo	Carrier
Pimple	Mountain	Sister	W/T
P luck(v)	Send	Skin	Escarpment
Pot	Feature	Skunk	Troops
Punch	Horseshoe Bend	Sledge	Tumoulin
Rabble	Battalion	Sling	Innisfail
Raddish	Mt Mulligan	Slops	Petrol
Ranch	Ammunition		

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DECODE

CODE	MEANING
Smoke	Flash spotter
Snake	NCO
Snail	Exclusive
Snap(v)	Shoot
Snow	Night
Soap	Ration
Sock	S.A.A.
Soda	Communications
Sofa	Gun
Sole	Entrance
Soup	Inclusive
Sow	Crossing
Spade	Range
Spike	Motor Boat
Spleen	High
Spool	Patrol
Sprat	Bomber
Sprocket	Track
Squash	Longland Gap
Scamp	Bombs
Stick	Miner's Common
Stock	Herberton - Evelyn Road
Strap	Kuban Road
Straw	Flight
String	Malanda Road
Strop	Mobile
Stump	Vehicle
Sty	Cross Roads
Sugar	Damp
Sump	Junction
Sway	Take
Sythe	Report
Symphony	Message
Table	Mareeba
Tack	Oevelyn Highway
Tadpole	Japanese
Talisman	Millstream Falls
Tambo	Cut off
Tap	Objective
Tarpaulin	Operation Ord
Tassle	Milla Milla
Tavern	Conference
Teat	Camp
Thatch	Jungle
Thimble	F.D.L.
Thrush	Grass
Thumb	Order
Toad	P.O.W.
Tram	Wild River

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CODE	MEANING
Mutter	Repulse
Pluck	Send
Sway	Take
Snap	Shoot

APPOINTMENTS CODE

No	Div	Bde	Bn	Regt	Bty
7	Comd	Brig	CO	CO	OC
7a	-	-	2 i/c	2 i/c	2 i/c
6	GI	BM	Adjt	Adjt	ACPO
5	GII	BM(L)			
3	GIII(O)				
3a	GIII(I)	IO	IO	IO	
3b	GIII(CW)		CW Offr	CW Offr	
4	IO				
4a	Cipher				
4b	Fd Security		Security O		
2	LO	LO			
2a	LO	LO			
2b	LO	LO			
8	AQ				
14	ADC				
15	DAAG	SC			
15a	LSO				
12	DA QMG	Bde Sup O	QM	QM	
11	DADOS				
10	ADME				
9	ADMS		MO	MO	
13	CO Sigs	Bde Sig O	Bn Sig O	Sig Ofr	Sig O
16	DADT				

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Unit & Place..... ACTION DIARY Date 26 May.....

Serial No	Originator	Date	Time	Information	Deduction	Notes	Action Taken
1			0834	Bn moved off in order D coy leading A coy right B coy left BHQ & HQ with C coy. bringing up in rear ⊙ Bn moved covering depth of 800 yds. leading coy passed SP. at 0834 hrs rear of Bn, at 0845 The coordinating pt was passed in time			
2	I.O.		0930	Cond group moving ½ mile in rear of MESA.			
3	B.T.O		1027	Enemy LMG opened fire on fwd coy Ref. 339788.			
4	"		1030	Bn fired on by LMG immediate front Ref 339787			
5	HQ coy		1040	3" Mortar firing on Enemy position.			
6	D coy		1045	6 Enemy LMG continued firing close to fwd coy Position. Ref 339788			
7	"		1130	D coy situation direct front. Heavily pressed. A coy on right flank. B coy on left flank. HQ forming perimeter defence around BHQ with 3 pl on right & sec of 2 Pl. 5 Pl on left.			
8	I.O.		1137	Enemy fire along the whole front Mortar fire opened up on fwd position Heavy volume of fire opened up on right flank. Estimate 10 LMG on left flank 15 LMG on right flank. Casualties D coy 18 K.I.A. 18 W. D coy to take up perimeter defence.			
9	I.O.		1200	B & A coy to close in on D coy & dig in & hold position at all cost.			
10	A coy		1200	A coy 400 yds from rd on right flank			
11	I.O.		1205	BAD coys digging in & holding position.			

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Unit & Place..... ACTION DIARY Date 26 May

Serial No	Originator	Date	Time	Information	Deduction	Notes	Action Taken
12	I.O.		1200	27 Bn commenced move around left flank to penetrate 800 yds fwd of our area to destroy enemy Sitrep to Bde.			
13	D coy		1207	Rd block est fwd of D coy.			
14	"		1220	O C D coy reported coy on front of 250 yds ⊙ Severe casualties suffered but coy holding.			
15	"		1230	Further casualties D coy 8K. 5 wd. from mortar fire.			
16	A coy		1242	A coy standing patrol report enemy 200 yds from right flank approx strength 150			
17	C coy		1300	Observation patrol sent out from C coy to investigate enemy outflanking movement on right			
18	I.O.		1304	Enemy recce plane circling over area			
19	B coy		1313	B coy report digging completed.			
20	C coy		1415	C coy report NIL activity on right flank ⊙ Patrol sent out to rear of present position to investigate enemy movement.			
21	B coy		1415	B coy report Smoke screen rising in front of A coy position. B coy Sitrep			
22	D coy		1420	movement observed in front of D coy ⊙ Mortared ⊙ Smoke seen ⊙ Enemy straffing D coy Position through Smoke screen.			

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Unit & Place.....

ACTION DIARY

Date...26.M.A.Y.....

Serial No	Originator	Date	Time	Information	Deduction	Notes	Action Taken
23	D coy		1428	Unidentified plane shot down in Scrub 150 yds NE. D coy HQ.			
24	B coy		1429	Casualties from Mortar Fire right flank. B coy H Killed 7 wounded ⊙ Fighting Strength 32 all ranks.			
25	B coy		1430	Enemy Patrol attacked 11 Pl of B coy on left flank.			
26	A coy		1445	Considerable Jap movement heard front of A coy Position & right flank of D coy ⊙ Jap still holding their position.			
27	"		1513	A coy being attacked by body of enemy rolling down grenades & using LMG. A coy suffered heavy casualties. Considerable movement heard NE. of A coy HQ. expecting Jap attack.			
28	B coy		1520	B coy report Mortar Fire ceased 1500 hrs NIL report.			
29	A coy.		1580	A coy repulsed attack.			
30	I.O.		1540	Arty fire opening up at 1540 hrs on high feature.			
31	B coy		1620	B coy Situation unchanged			
32	I.O.		1800	Situ to 1800 hrs ⊙ posn unchanged ⊙ situation unchanged.			
33	A coy.		1955	A coy patrol report no enemy in hollow E. of posn. estimate enemy strength 1 Bn on high ground immediate front.			
34	D coy.		2015	D coy patrols no enemy encounted			
35	I.O.		1840	2/2nd Pnrs under 21st Bde command			

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Unit & Place...MESA..... ACTION DIARY Date..27 MAY 43.....

Serial No	Originator	Date	Time	Information	Deduction	Notes	Action Taken
1		27	0515	Stand to			
2		"	0600	Bn ready to move			
3		"	0615	Bn moves off in order of coys: A leading, D on right flank, C on left flank, B rearguard			
4		"	0830	Strafing by 10 Zekes, south of TUMOULIN one a/c shot down - 14 casualties			
5		"	0850	Bn passes through TUMOULIN			
6		"		Guard left on fallen ZEKE			
			0915	Strafing by ENEMY a/c			
7		"	1130	Bn reaches KABAN			
8		"	1230	Bn moves from KABAN			
9		"	1245	Bodies of 2 men missing from C coy patrol found by D coy, one, riddled with bullets, the other tied to a tree and showing bayonet wounds.			
10		"	1330	Advance held up by ENEMY fire ahead Rd. under fire. 2 casualties		Ref. 331798 LMG and MMG fire	
				A coys sent to effect encircling move D			
			1340	Our casualties 26 killed, 16 wounded			
11		"	1350	Rd. and BHQ area under mortar fire		70 mm mortar	
12	D	"	do	D coy casualties 6 killed 5 wounded			
13	B		do	B coy have taken up a position on either side of track			
14	-		1358	Jap dump location 300 yds in from rd on right - 30 secs of rice marked SAKENO MANILLA - 20 boxes of SAA 256 calibre, 20 rds 70 mm - Dying JAP last words "HORI come".			
			1405	ENEMY estimated one Bn - ENEMY casualties unknown			

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Unit & Place..... ACTION DIARY ...27 MAY 43...

Serial No	Originator	Date	Time	Information	Deduction	Notes	Action Taken
16	BHQ(I)	27	1325	Loud explosion heard by left Coy - Investigation showed no of dead ENEMY bodies		Ref. 331798	
17	do.	-	1020	Captured letter addressed to maj. MADO SAKI UNIT, Jap. Imperial Forces in Australia			fwded to Bde
18	A coy	-	1430	Flanking Pl. pinned down by fire 50 yds South of ck, 50 west of rly line fire coming from front and further West from Woodpecker type MMG. Cannot advance further			
19	FS NCO		1430	FSS with C coy pursued and destroyed 6 Chinese and 14 Italians part of a guerilla band of aliens who have been driving thro gaps			
20	A coy		1445	Casualties: 5 killed, 5 wounded missing one NCO and 6 men - Present strength 4 Offs and 50. ORs			
21	do.		1535	Pl. West of rly line withdrawn to present coy / plan to stiffen defence - left standing patrol 50 yds west of rly line			
22		"	1630	ZERO hr. - Bn attacks			
23			1645	Action over - Junction with 2/16 Aust. Inf. Bn. effected			
24			1700	Bn HQ established in bivouac area			

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MESA

ACTION DIARY

28 MAY 43

1/		0500	Stand-to
2/		0535	Bn moves from Bivouac Area
3/		0650	Bn stops for breakfast
4/		0730	Bn moves from Breakfast Area
5/		0915	Leading Bn held up - 2/14 Bn attacks
6/	2 i/c	0930	HQ area under mortar fire
7/	I.O.	/0945/	~~C and D cos are~~ Bn held up on all flanks. ~~(left) (right)~~ D coy on North Side of ck., on left flank. A coy on right flank. B coy has gone round and tested the flank (right) C coy is in support of D coy. 100 yds fwd of ck., on right 25 prs have neutralized one MG post. C coy found ENEMY's left flank
8/	I.O.	/1040/	Action successful - Exercise Over
9/	HQ coy	/1035	ENEMY patrol, one offr. and 70 annihilated in ck. bed, identified as Marines - Offr's shoulder tabs forwarded

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Date 25 May

ORIG No	T O R	FROM	T O O	MESSAGES - RECEIVED - PROMULGATED	ACTION TAKEN
INT 2		ROTA	1930	Wireless silence will be maintained until ~~contact~~ first contact	
INT 3		ROTA	1930	CANCEL INT 1 O Password till futher notice O challenge O LITTLE O Reply O LULU	
INT 5		ROTA	20 55	All messages etc dealing with EXERCISE will now commence EXERCISE ONLY	
INT 7		ROTA	20 55	EXERCISE ONLY O Fifth column activity suspected O All persons entering camp must produce credentials to guards O They will then be escorted within camp and be second checked by officer they are visiting O all ranks to report any stranger within their unit O Report suspects to this HQ	26 may
i1		BITO	0852	EXERCISE ONLY O Sitrep to first stop NIL Return	
i2		BITO	1018	Contacted 18 Bde at 1015 O Ref Atherton Tableland sheet 2' to 1 mile 341780 O 18 Bde have coy astride rd O Recce patrol to TOMOULIN O NO rpt NO contact with enemy.	
		Bde	1000	Additional FOO to rept MESA and FOO to rept VOXA immed with tps at call.	
i2		BITO	1010	EXERCISE ONLY motar det searching high ground for possible targets to reduce enemy resistance O Forces committed of coy.- all pinned down. O MM G. sect ~~company~~. comd brought up.	
i3		BITO	1035	EXERCISE ONLY Ref. ATHERTON TABLELAND sheet 2 ins to 1 mile 339788 O 16 pl were fired on 1030 hrs one scout K-1 A O pl pinned down by LMG fire O sec each 17 + 18 pls scouring high ground on either side O motar det moved up in readiness in ch. bed O 16 pl ordered to drive on	
i5		BITO	1100	EXERCISE ONLY 1 gap prisoner captured in dying condition one 81 MM motar + plenty of amn captured.	
i6		BITO	1173	EXERCISE ONLY O attempted infiltration by enemy approx 1 pl strength O Remaining 2 sec 17 pl. sent fwd. O MMG sect + motar det held in reserve	

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Date 26 May.

ORIG No	T O R	FROM ~~TO~~	T O O	MESSAGES – ~~OUTGOING~~ – PROCEDURE	ACTION TAKEN
17		BITO	1129	EXERCISE ONLY Enemy strongly attacked against 1 pl + 1 pl. and forcing them back O 3" Mortars being used. on to clear ground at front pending arrival of rafts.	
		MESA	1100	Pl pinned down by heavy fire from the road 2 wounded air sending other pl up onto higher ground and endeavour to find the ~~extent~~ of the enemys flank & if possible cut in towards the road at approx 600 yds from last posn.	
		PODU	1140	EXERCISE ONLY O Patrol retiring maintain heavy casualties O patrols await enters	
18		POTO	1142	EXERCISE ONLY O 15 pl WUNO at rear 16 and 17 pls BITO BUTTRESSING THEM.	
Y3		POTU	1150	EX ONLY O PL just come in O own casualities O six killed ter wounded O one prisoner O sending wounded + prisoner back	
Y4		POTU	1200	EX ONLY Heavy fire from road causing casualities O intact pl at rear brought up for support	
Y5		POTU	1220	EX ONLY O POTU in position and in contact with BITO O defence not in depth owing to area to be covered O required support one section of MMG.	
Y6		POTU	1220	EX ONLY O enemy taken high feature on ~~rt~~ flank O pl defending flank under fire need reinforcements immediately if pos is to be held.	
19		BITO	1234	EX ONLY O BITO under mortar fire on rd O BOVO contacted our left flank.	
10		BITO	1305	EX ONLY O enemy recce aircraft over area at 1304 hrs. O	
INT 13		ROTA	1330	EX ONLY O Sitrep 3 O MESA definately held up at 339788 O DOXA leading elements contacted enemy 1000 yds west + 500 yds fwd of MESA two coys delayed remainder O MESA reports enemy encircling move RIGHT flank strength approx 1500 O all informed.	
Y7		POTU	1600	EX ONLY O casualities up to 1540 O six killed one off + twelve ors including two stretcher cases.	

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		BOVA	1415	EX ONLY O sitrep O smoke screen rising in front of POTO saddle O NO change in BOVO saddle.	adj informed
Y8		POTU	1415	EX ONLY O little activity on right flank O sending out recce patrol to the rear of present posn & working out to the right flank as Jap show sign of movement & activity behind thier F.O.L.S.	adj informed
		BOVO 7		EX ONLY O posn unchanged O radio repairs.	adj informed
EQ4		ROTA	1335	EX ONLY O units will extort P.W. to collecting post situated ROTA. HQ. where 7 DIV provost will take charge	I O informed
		BOVO		EX ONLY Casualities from MOTAR fire at 800 yds right flank O ~~22~~ killed 7 wounded O Have had to contract saddles O 32 fighting sit. 32 all ranks.	adj informed
i 10		BITO	1430	EX ONLY O aircraft brought down 150 yds NE coy H.Q. O Recce party 2 or's to identify & search.	I.O. informed
i 11		BITO	1450	EX ONLY 2 MMGS & det 3" motars sited in readiness to fire O For posns all attached sketch.	adj informed
1500		BOVO		EX ONLY O MOTAR fire ceased 1500 hrs & nothing futher to report.	adj informed
		BOVO		Enemy patrol 10 men attached 11 pl left flank O wounded p.o.w. being sent back.	
		MESA LUVA	1444	Ex Only O Sitrep 4 to 1400 hrs O Mesa still holding casualties to date 33 killed in action 1 off 34 wounded Enemy casualties known killed 6 O LUVA no change except ROVO being pressed very hard but holding on right flank O DOXA report some progress O Mesa & DOXA will press simultaneously O Is estimated one Jap Bn opposite Mesa one opposite DOXA at least elements of one moving on right flank all informed	Co informed

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EQ16		ROTA	0905	ZEKE crashed 300 yds WEST TUMOULIN ⊙ ARRANGE TOPIQUET	
		BITO	1330	Ex only ⊙ 16 pl pinned down 17 moved round him at flank & were pinned down ⊙ 16 pl withdrawn & 18 pl sent to rt. of 17 pl to find ENEMY flank	
I14		BITO	1335	Ex only 18 can NOT get round rt flank of 17 pl ⊙ Est ENEMY strength on our front at least 2 coys on fwd slopes hill to front	
I15		BITO	1340	Ex only ⊙ Digging in 17 & 18 pl fwd facing ridge ⊙ 16 pl reserve facing East Reinforcements 4 pl mobile reserve	
		BOVO	1350	We have now taken up a saddle on either side of track posn	
		BITO	1350	Ex only ⊙ Cas return ⊙ 6 Killed 5 wounded	
		POTU	1403	Outflanking pl have struck fixed lines south down railway line approx distance 600 yds pl got through fixed lines with loss of 2 dead	
		POTU	–	Ex only ⊙ the flanking platoon pinned down by fire fifty yards south of creek fifty west of railway line ⊙ fire coming from front & further west from woodpecker type MMG ⊙ cannot advance further	
Y7		POTU	1555	Ex only ⊙ have withdrawn pl west of rlway line to present Coy Posn. to strengthen defence ⊙ left standing patrol 50 yds west of railway line	

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I 12		MESA LUKA	1545	Ex only ⊙ Pltrep 5 to 1530 hrs ⊙ MESA being pushed back on right flank A/SP sighted ⊙ A/C brought down by MESA identified as ZEKE pilot killed ⊙ A/C completely smashed two radios ⊙ LUKA being pushed back on right flank ⊙ DOXA making progress on left flank ⊙ All informed	CO informed
EQ11		ROTA	1810	Ex ONLY ⊙ Following beaches are required for rations ⊙ MESA 39 LUKA 39 DOXA 39 ROTA 7 MURI 4 ⊙ Times for reporting 27 MAY Bde ration dump with escort 0600 ROTA MURI MESA 0630 LUKA 0645 ROXA	BdeM. informed
EQ13		ROTA	1820	Ex ONLY ⊙ Please advise casualties in weapons for the day for which replacements is required	
INT 21		ROTA	1839	Ex ONLY ⊙ password from 2000 hrs to further notice ⊙ Challenge LAZY reply LINCOLN ⊙	A.O. & all Boys informed
INT 20		ROTA	1756	Ex ONLY ⊙ SITREP 6. to 1745 hrs ⊙ MESA attack on right flank repulsed with casualties 10 Killed and wounded ⊙ left flank unchanged ⊙ Estimate enemy casualties 155 Killed wounded unknown ⊙ Holding on all flanks ⊙ Total cas. to date 51 Killed 61 wounded ⊙ LUKA no enemy pressure ⊙ Casualties to date 3 offrs. Killed 16 O/Rs wounded ⊙ DOXA KIA 2 officers 28 O/Rs wounded 27 O/Rs ⊙ attack held ⊙ JAP bodies found to date total 50. JAP wounded withdrawn ⊙ All of ROTA forming localities & digging in for night ⊙ All informed	CO informed
CEX5		DVNO	1925	EXERCISE ONLY ⊙ Patrol contacted left of BOVO at 1900 hrs ⊙ reports all quite	C.O informed

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	OUT	MESA	1200	all fires must be extinguished when cooking is finished & ctr stumps & logs to be set alight.	
		PODU	1253	2 men missing from fwd patrol B coy subsequently found by D, one riddled with bullets other bayoneted through throat, hands tied together	
		BOVO	1300	dark canister gas tadpole nice JAP found in our path, was removed to our left flank	
		BOVO	1345	a bag of (Japanese) tadpole nice and an American automatic pistol has been found and will be fwdd to you	C.O. informed
		WUNO	1400	losing more casualties & holding coy on fwd slope and under fire Am moving flanking Pl back to ridge it is unlikely that I can extricate centre Pl will dig in on ridge & enemy on opposite slope are strongly entrenched.	C.O. informed
		PUTO	1400	am pushing one pl over left flanking movement & the pl are moving fwd and have met with no resistance yet.	"
		BITO	1401	Cas return & P GSW severe while digging in	"
		PUTO	1405	Left flank under mortar fire could use 3 inch mortars	"
	CEXB	WUNO	1550	one of MMG knocked out by enemy mortar & much shuffling and movement half right from it fwd pl directed mortar fire this area but most continues & consider enemy attacks from this area highly	
	EFIO	BITO	1628	No 4 pl has been transferred back to FUDO	

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IE 1		ROTA	0800	Sitrep do. 0800 hrs O SITNOR	
I 2		ROTA	0856	EXERCISE ONLY O Sitrep to 0900 hrs O SITNOR	
I 3		TODO POTO BOVO WUNI BITO	0900	EXERCISE ONLY O All defence dive bombing and ground straffing O High level bombing passive.	
I 4		ROTA	1000	EXERCISE ONLY O Sitrep to 1000 hrs O SITNOR.	
01		ROTA BENO ROTA	0820	EXERCISE ONLY O Det from 2/5 Aust FD. coy have NOT yet reported to MESA	
02		ROTA		EXERCISE ONLY O MESA has det. of 2/5 FD. coy attached O D.R brought verbal message at 0955 hrs that this det. is misplaced should be with LUVA O please advise action.	
04		ROTA	1017	EXERCISE ONLY O HONO covering force contacted at 1016 hrs O MESA retarding the advance.	
I 5			1024	EXERCISE ONLY O HONO covering force returning to HONO	
PS. 2		ROTA	1040	BITO pinned down still by enemy ~~fire~~ L.M.G. fire O motor det. searching high ground for target O MMG sect comd sent fwd to BITO O BITO posn ref ATHERTON 4 ins to 1 mile BVZ FRU.	
X1		MESA & LUVA	0750	EXERCISE ONLY Wireless set attached to ROTA working to MESA LUWX DOXA will be on listening watch as from 0900 26 MAY 43 O a wireless silence will be observed until contact is made.	
PG2		ROTA	1040	BITO pinned down still by ENEMEY L.M.G. fire.	
06		ROTA	1050	EXERCISE ONLY O MESA definately held up but continue to attack & press flanks	

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				PODU and BOVO to close in to close contact with DITO Dig in hold at all costs DOXA moving around on left flank 800X fwd of this posn will delay enemy between our + their posn	
I 7		ROTA	1200	EXERCISE ONLY ⊙ sitrep to 1200 hrs ⊙ 1022 hrs BITO contacted enemy at ref ⊙ 339788 ⊙ NO progress made ⊙ casualities 25 killed 30 wounded ⊙ ENEMY casualities unknown other than R.W. dead after capture.	
A.Q. 1		MESA LOVA DOXI MURI	1200	REAL CASUALITIES ⊙ posn of amb. veh and det ⊙ with MURI in rear of ROTA H.Q. ⊙ Evac along other main road	
E I		ROTA	1205	EXERCISE ONLY ⊙ AX 1 and 55 AY — and — AZ — and B — and — C 31 and 690 D. Lieut Pallier E.1 and 9 G — and —	
I 8		ROTA	0200	EXERCISE ONLY Sitrep to 1400 hrs ⊙ posns unchanged. ⊙ Jap patrols contacted right flank of PODU and WUNO ⊙ MESA dug in rd block ⊙ Total casualities to date 33 killed 1 offr 34 wounded ⊙ enemy casualities known killed 6. ⊙ checking dead along front from right flank to centre at 1315 hrs.	
O 5.		ROTA	1037	EXERCISE ONLY BITO held up light fire 340787 1030 hrs ⊙ extending to fwd enemy astride road + with flanking corp pounding our flanks with encircling moves ⊙ fire increases at 1035 hrs ⊙ remainder of MESA in perimeter of defence 341786	
RG 4		ROTA	1450	EXERCISE ONLY ⊙ further infm re a/c brought down in MESA area ⊙ Identified army type ZERE ⊙ pilot killed. ⊙ a/c completely smashed ⊙ guns rendered useless ⊙ MESA patrols returning to H.Q with plate.	
~~RG 4~~ I 9		~~ROTA~~	1600	EX ONLY ⊙ Sitrep to 1600 hrs ⊙ Attack on right flank repulsed with casualties 10 killed + wounded ⊙ Left flank unchanged ⊙ Estimated enemy casualties 188 killed wounded unknown ⊙ holding on all flanks ⊙ total casualties to date 57 killed 61 wounded	

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I 14	-	ROTA	2000	Ex only. Situation unchanged - patrols contacted left of BOVO at 1900 hrs reports all quite - ROTU patrol reports no enemy - enemy strength estimated one Pn on high ground in front of ROTO	
I 15	-	do	2200	Exercise only - Situep to 2200 hrs - situation unchanged	
I 16	-	do	2359	do. Situep to 2400 hrs - do.	
I 17	-	do	[illegible]		

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I 17	–	ROTA	0200	EX ONLY ⊙ SITREP to 0200 hrs ⊙ Situation unchanged	
i 18		ROTA	0300	EX ONLY ⊙ BITO reports enemy withdrawn ⊙ three dead JAPS ⊙ same identity as PW 26 MAY.	
I 18		ROTA	0400	EX ONLY ⊙ Sitrep to 0400 hrs ⊙ ENEMY withdrawn from our imediate front. ⊙ three Japs killed	
II 11		BENO rpta ROTA	0900	Ex only ⊙ Ref map ATHERTON TABLELAND route 4 to 1 ⊙ ENEMY A/C shot down at 337792 ⊙ A/C identified as ZEKE ⊙ JAP marking under wing & on fuselage ⊙ A/C under MESA guard ⊙ Pilot killed	
RGS		ROTA	1020	Ex only ⊙ SITREP to 1000 hrs ⊙ Situation unchanged ⊙ ENEMY straffing as ref TOOMULIN 0830 hrs ⊙ one A/C shot down ⊙ OWIX casualties as result of raid 14	
I 11	–	ROTA	0820	Ex Only - Sitrep to 0800 hrs - situation unchanged	
		ALL coys	–	routine 28 May ⊙ stand to 0500 blankets to Mesa ⊙ 520 S.T 0535 order of move A fwd Bn D H BHQ HQ coy approx 600' behind LOVE (ROTA in gap) breakfast unless ENEMY contacted 0650-0720 Cpl Fire to report MESA ⊙ 515 with boongs ⊙ Password challenge MASS reply MURDER	

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		Att Corps	2115	REAL ⊙ anyone ~~[illegible]~~ found a blue field security pass No 79 Name Sgt RENOUS will be apprehended & brought to MESA	
~~[illegible]~~		RTO	1930	ref signal fwd bags & paper bke to MESA Rear camp F	

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E 016		~~ROTA~~	~~0905~~	~~ZEKE [illegible] 300 [illegible] WEST TUMOULIN [illegible]~~	
		POTU	0920	Ex only Potu patrol to go out 300X past ~~Tumoulin~~ TUMOULIN to pucquet crashed LEKE	
I 12		ROTA	1245	Ex only ⊙ two bodies found by right coy ⊙ neccessary patrol have been sent out ⊙ these are probably the two bodies missing from our fwd patrol from lunch pown	
I 13		ROTA	1255	Ex only ⊙ Sitrep to 1200 hrs ⊙ reached objective 1145 hrs ⊙ Bn went into position as instructed to LO.	
I 14		~~RH~~ ROTA	1306	Ex only ⊙ A/C dropped container at ref PBTLFNAR ⊙ unidentified GAS similar to mustard ⊙ Sentries posted and area marked off ⊙ NO Cas.	
RG 7		ROTA	1325	Ex only ⊙ Ref sheet PBKFNU loud explosion heard by coy on left ⊙ Investigation showed no of dead bodies found to be enemy	
I 16		ROTA	1330	Ex only ⊙ fwd coy and flanks fired on ⊙ patrols investigated strength of Enemy ⊙ LMGS and SAA firing along rd.	
RG 8		ROTA	1340	Ex only ⊙ MESA held up at Ref ATHERTON Route. MAP ~~#~~ mile 1 inch ~~[illegible]~~ 330799 at 1335 hrs.	
I 15		ROTA	1340	Ex only ⊙ white women found raped on left of rd ⊙ identification and burial being arranged	
I 16		ROTA	1358	Ex only ⊙ Jap dumps located at ref 300 yds in front rd on right ⊙ 30 sacks of rice marked SAKENO MANILLA ⊙ 20 boxes of SAA 256 calibre 20 rds 7 mm ⊙ flying japs fast records NORI come.	

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I 17		ROTA	1405	Ex only ⊙ Sitrep to 1400 hrs held ⊙ held up by SAA MMG + LMG fire at 1335 ⊙ cas 32 Killed 21 wounded ⊙ Est. ENEMY one Bn ⊙ ENEMY cas unknown	
		BENA rpta ROTA	1320	Ex only ⊙ JAP IDENTIFICATION ⊙ Captured letter fwd Bde addressed to Major MADO, SAKI UNIT JAP IMPERIAL FORCE IN AUSTRALIA	
		ROTA	1415	Ex only ⊙ 70 MM mortars firing on rd + in one H-P area	
		POTU	1445	Ex only ⊙ casualty return to-day five Killed + five wounded ⊙ missing one NCO + six men ⊙ present strength four offr + fifty ORS	
I 19		ROTA	1800	Sitrep to 1800 hrs ⊙ nothing further to report	
I 20		ROTA	2000	Sitrep to 2000 hrs ⊙ sit unchanged no enemy contacted by BTO patrol	
I 21		ROTA	2200	Ex only ⊙ Sitrep to 2200 hrs ⊙ situation unchanged	
I 18	-	ROTA	1602	SITREP TO 1600 hrs - posn unchanged - still pinned down fwd	
I 22		ROTA	2359	do 2400 hrs situation unchanged	
I 44		ROTA	1730	Ex only ⊙ Expended ·303 cal 4000 ·303 S375 ·303 bell pkt 3800 9 mm 3000 3" MOV HE 36 2" MOV HE 40 ·380 pistol 12 ⊙ require ·303 ch 4000 ·303 sn 5400 ·303 bell pkt 3000 9 mm 3000 3" MOV HE 300 2" MOV HE 36 Gren 36 108 Gren 69 TNP 36 sig J 6 cont ⊙ Expended 25 lbs amm nil require nil ⊙ Gren 36 bnd 99 expended to-day	

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I 23		ROTA	0200	Ex only ⊙ SITREP to 0200 hrs ⊙ Situation unchanged	
I 24		ROTA	0400	EX ONLY O Sitrep to 0400 hrs O position unchanged	
I 21		ROTA	0430	Ex only ⊙ MESA fwd coys pinned down by WMG + Mortar ⊙ have established EMEMY right flank approx 300 yds right of DOXO ⊙ BOXO will press on the EMEMY flank	
JW 4					

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To KABAN

N.

B

200 x

150

220 x D Coy

70 x

C Coy Pl.

HQ

4 Coy 460 x

B Coy

Bridge

HQ Coy

A Coy

D

2 Coys

C. Coy

FROM RAVENSHOE

PLAN OF 14th Bn ATTACK and FINAL PINNING POSN.

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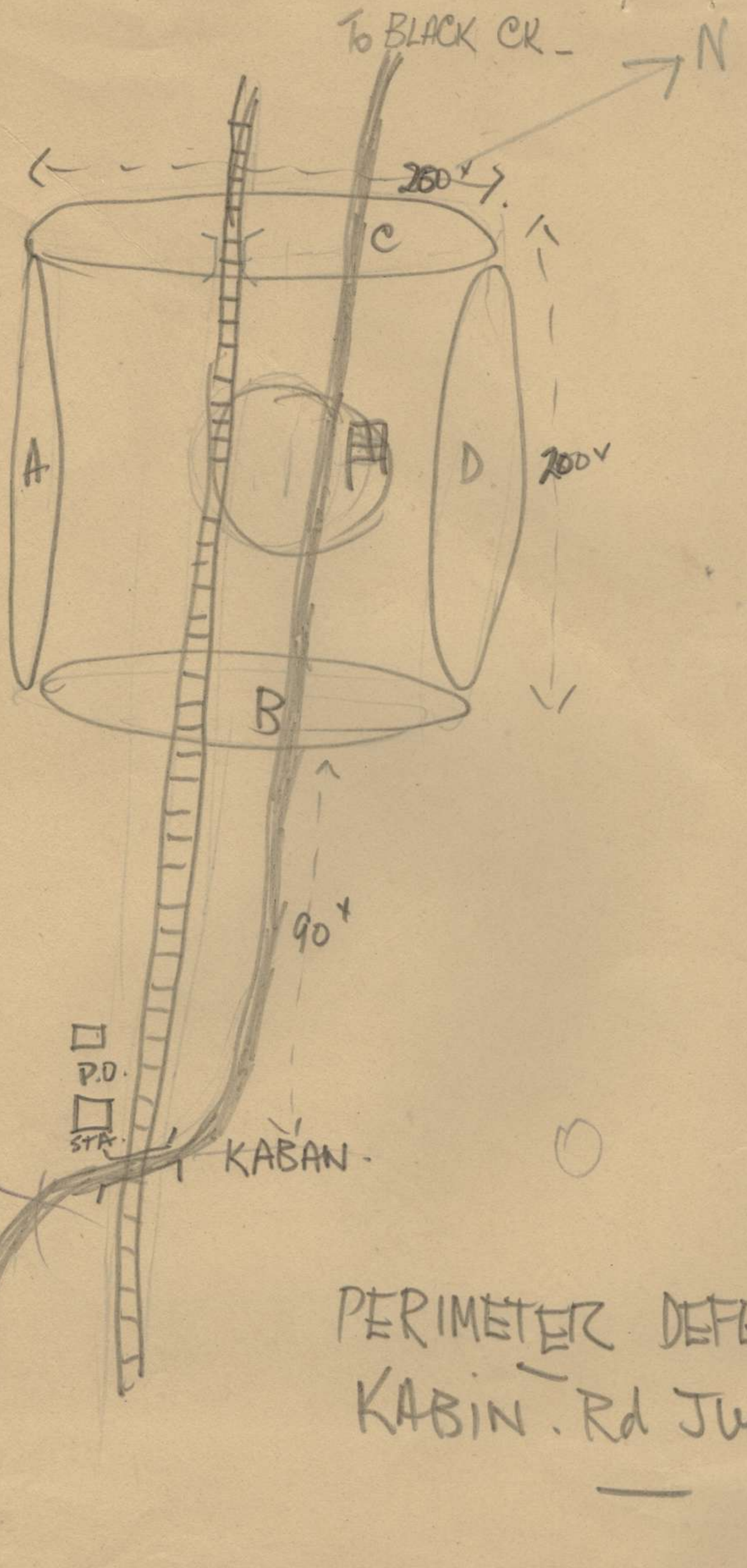
Strengths	
A	75
B	28
C	118
D	90



PERIMETER DEFENCE
KABIN. Rd June.

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Eye Sketch. Mesa. Dispositions

RF 1: 1980

Lt. TUMOULIN

ENEMY

Composite Pl

1617-18

COY

Bcoy

HQ COY

CREEK

Ccoy

101 Aggr. Route

RAVENSHOE

Time 1300
TimeTaken 15 MINS
DATE 26
Int Sect MESO

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Scale 1" to 35 yds

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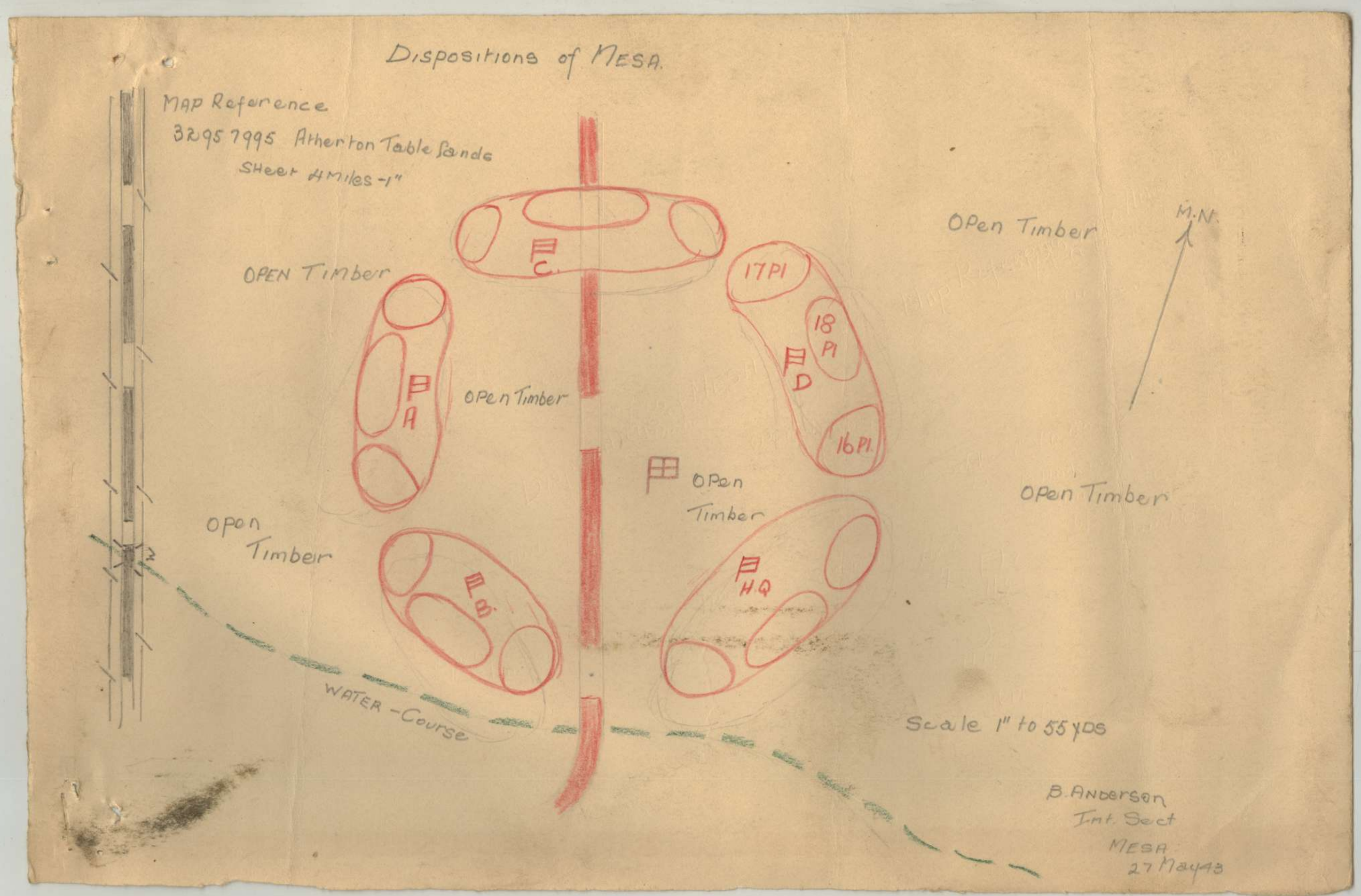

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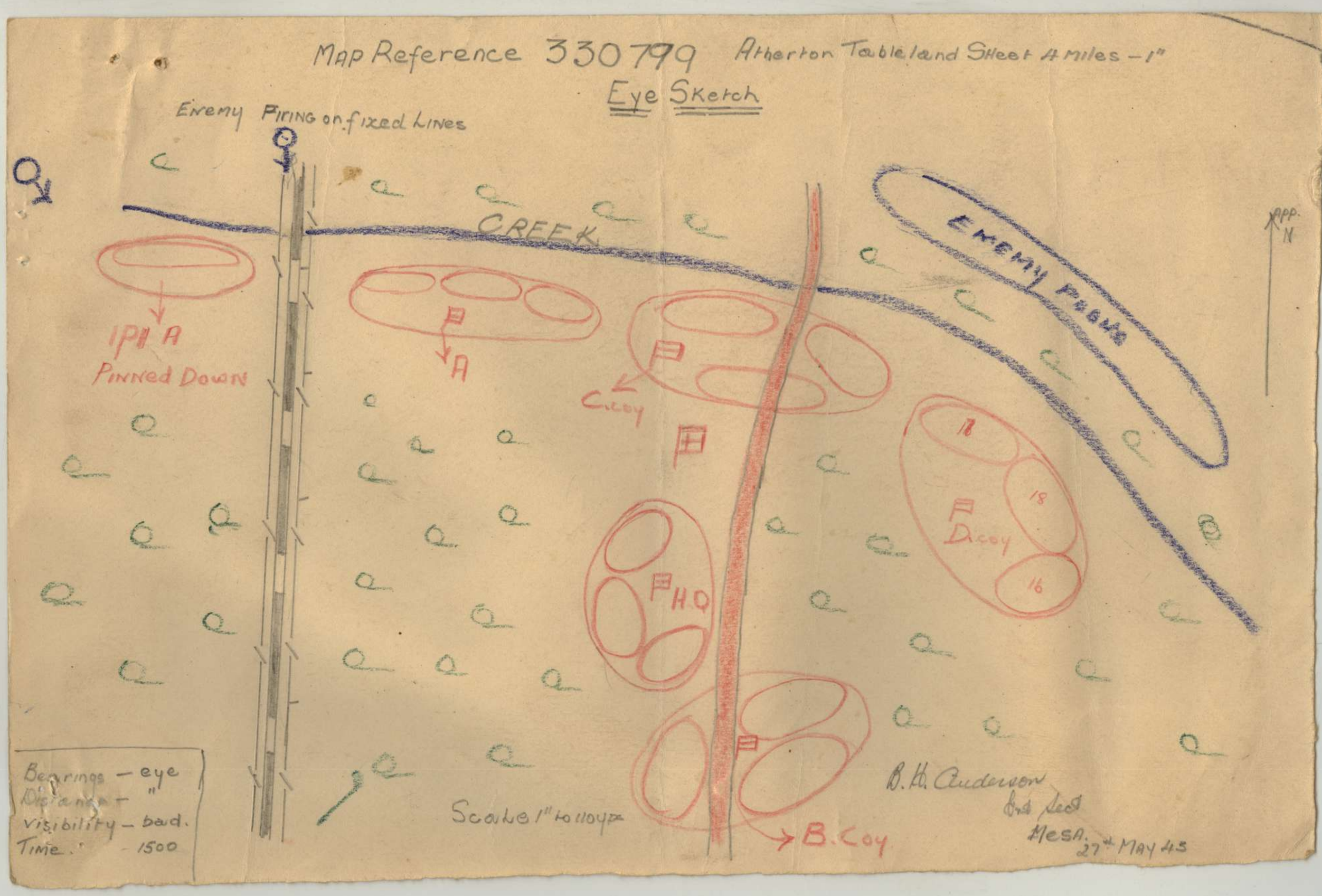

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ROUTE MAP

ATHERTON TABLELANDS

QUEENSLAND

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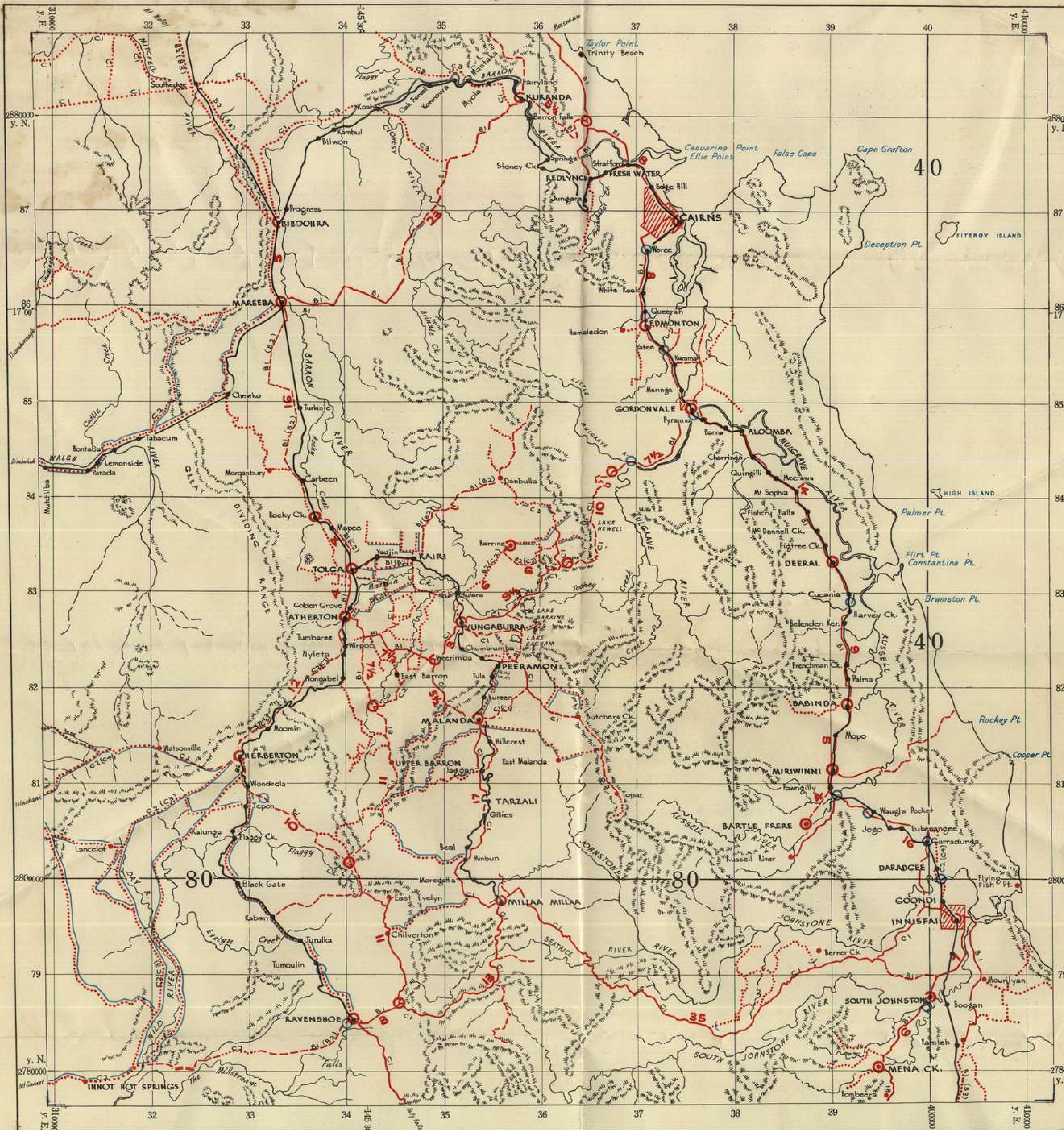

REPRODUCED BY 2/1 AUST. ARMY TOPO. SURVEY COY. MAR. '43

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Scale
4 Miles to 1 Inch

2 1 0 2 4 6 8

Roads Sealed Surface		
Roads Metal or Gravel		
Roads & Tracks Earth or Sand		
Width sufficient for	*two traffic streams*	A
	one traffic stream with occasional passing	B
	one traffic stream	C
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	Horse transport and 4 W. D. Vehicles	3
	Pack transport only	4

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INNISFAIL, CAIRNS, MOSSMAN and ATHERTON
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ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION BN EXERCISE MON IO MAY 43

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8 May 43

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All Coys

Reference Training Syllabus Monday IO May 43:

1. The following will be the sequence of events for Coys:-

0600 hrs	Reveille
0700 hrs	Breakfast
0820 hrs	Assemble on Bn Parade Ground where the Bn will be formed into Coys.
0835 hrs	Bn will move to South MILLSTREAM FALLS Map Reference MT GARNET I"-1m374809. Bde Comd will give outline of exercise to troops prior to exercise.
1230 hrs	Lunch - cut lunch will be carried.

2. All working parties will be cancelled for the day.

3. Dress: - Battle Order, Steel Helmets.

4. Coys will furnish a state to this HQ by IOOO hrs Sunday 9 May 43 showing the approximate number of personnel who will be on parade for above exercise.

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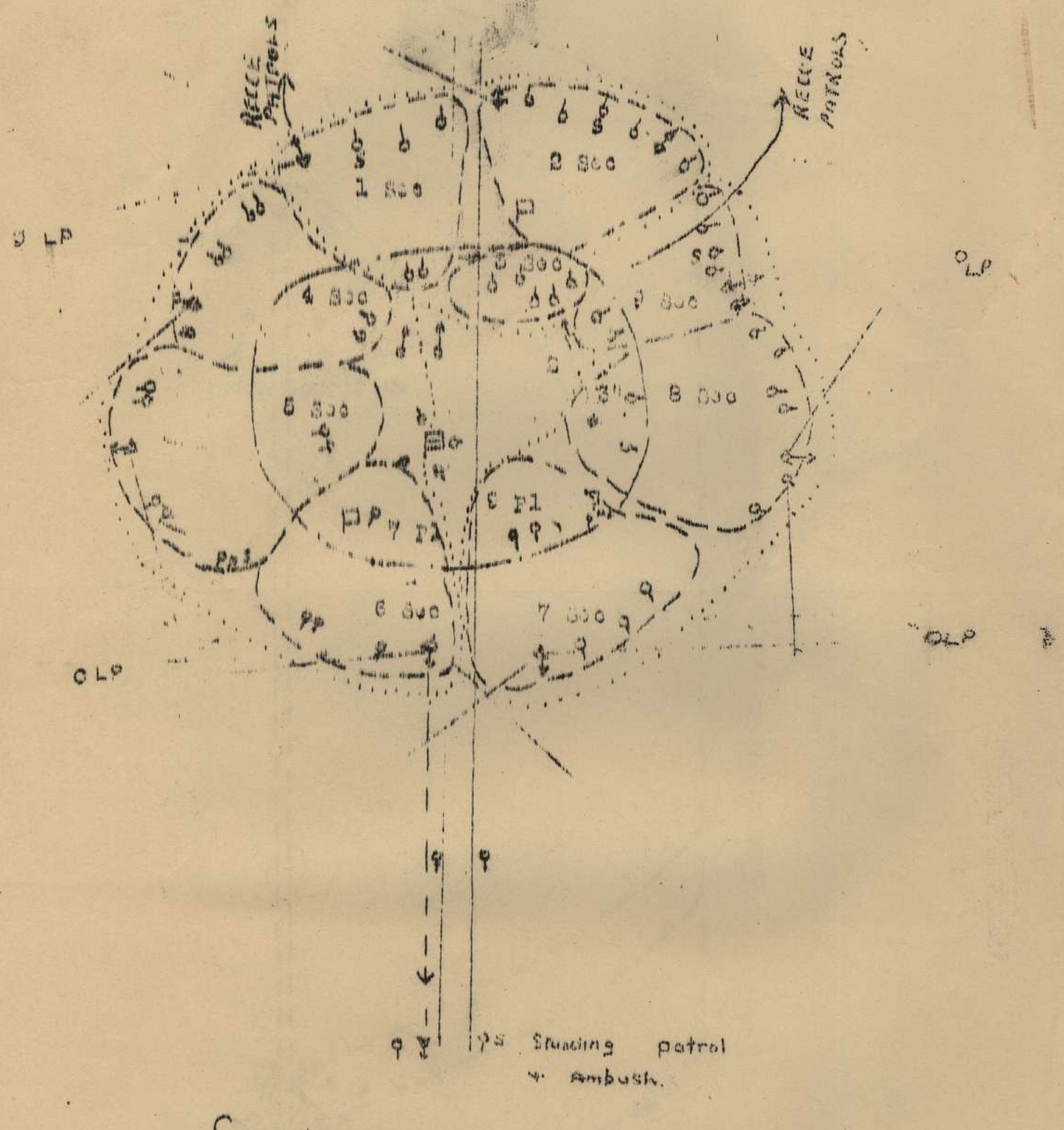

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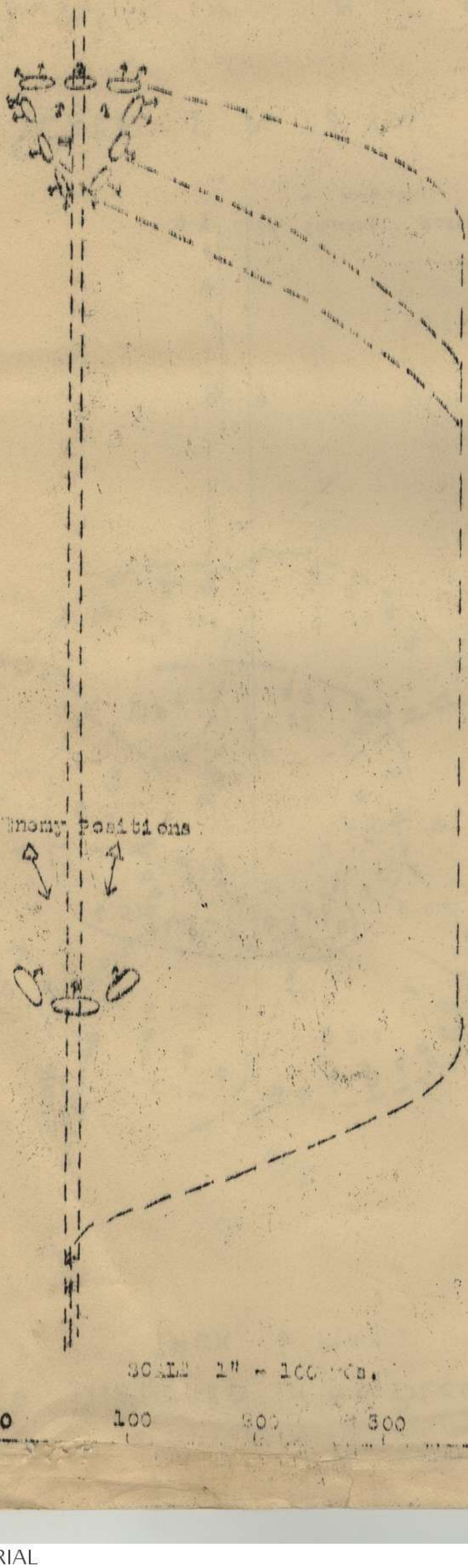

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TO: 2/14 2/16 2/27 Bns K Sec Sigs.
FROM: HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

2 Aust Corps short SITREP 54. Landops 13 May. Party 13 Japs moving South along track KOMIATUM engaged by one MMG from pt one mile North by West KOMIATUM. eight enemy killed. Airops 14 May. Normal allied activity against Jap air bases and barge trafic. twenty enemy medium bombers bombers twenty fighters attacked ORO BAY 148 deg E 9 deg S. enemy lost nine fighters seven bombers certain one fighter five bombers probable

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TO: 2/14,2/16,2/27 Bns, K Sec Sigs.
FROM: HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

2 Aust Corps short SITREP 53. Landops. BOBDUBI 12 May 80 enemy moving SOUTH along KOMIATUM track engaged by MMG from posn one mile NW by NORTH KOMIATUM. 30 enemy killed many wounded. Enemy attack from NE repulsed 2½ miles NORTH KOMIATUM. MUBO 9/10 May enemy casualties estimated 63. Airops 13 May. Allied aircraft attacked LAE, BOBADJIM FINSCHHAFEN, CAPE GLOUCESTER, LAKUNAI, VUNAKUNAU, LORENGAU. Aircraft bombed strafed GASMATA. Enemy raid 107 MORESBY no damage. Six enemy fighters recce MILINGIMBI. Shipping 13 May. Slight increase RABAUL

T.O.O. 1935 K/15

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TO:- 2/14, 2/16, 2/27 Bns, K Sec Sigs.
From:- HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

2 Aust Corps short SITREP 52. Landops MUBO area. After our tps regained contact with isolated tps enemy made determined but unsuccessful counter attacks LABABIA RIDGE. Enemy consolidation GREENS HILL. Our tps occupied enemy positions BOBDUBI RIDGE after enemy evacuating 11 May. Small force contacted enemy half mile NORTH KOMIATUM on track to SALAMAUA. took up posn 200 yds WEST this posn. 12 Japs moving SOUTH ambushed half mile NORTH KOMIATUM. 5 killed one wpunded. Submarines One sighted 43 miles SOUTH GASMATA course WEST by SOUTH. Allied vessel torpedoed 14 miles EAST by NORTH COFFS HARBOUR. NIL casualties vessel now safe in port

T.O.O 0950 K/ 15

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2 Aust Corps short sitrep No 51. Landops. 9 May enemy penetrated to 300 yards North junc tracks MUBO LABABIA. Engaged by our tps. Enemy defence posns.thwarted attempt to gain track in their rear via VICKERS RIDGE. 10 May enemy overran our base camp junc tracks MUBO LABABIA. Our tps evacuated LABABIA RIDGE but contact regained 11 May. Enemy casualties high. Airops. 11 May. Our planes bombed strafed LABULA GOON VUNAKANAU RABAUL SAUMLAKI. Nine enemy bombers AP bombs MERALIKE minor damage. Raid reported DARWIN no details available. Shipping. Small craft ALEXISHAVEN, ARAWA,CAPE GLOUCESTER. Many small craft WEWAK.

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TO: 2/14, 2/16 2/27 Bns, K Sec Sigs, 2/59 Aust LAD.
FROM: HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde

2 Aust Corps short SITREP 47. Land ops 6 May. Our patrol engaged 20 enemy MARKHAM RIVER. enemy casualties one killed two probably. large boxes or small trucks being ferried near mouth riverMELANUA HARBOUR 146 deg E 5 deg S possible bridge under construction. large bridge across NURU RIVER at 146 deg E 5 deg S. Airops 6 May. 5 Catalinas bombed strafed BABO 133 deg E 3 deg S explosions large fires. six B24s seven B17s attacked MADANG large fires explosions. three A20s bombed strafed MUBO area. much activity WEWAK. Shipping 6 May. one barge 5 small vessels MANOKWARI134 deg E 1 deg S . 8 cargo vessels WEWAK area.

T.O.O 0920K/10.

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TO: 2/14,2/16,2/27 Bns, K Sec Sigs, 2/59 LAD.
FROM: 21 Aust Inf Bde

2 Aust Corps short SITREP 46. Land ops MUBO. 4 May our patrol moved towards DUALI met hy enemy mortar,MMG and LMG fire approx 5 miles WEST DUALI. 5 May mopping up small enemy pockets NORTH end BOBDUBI RIDGE. Enemy ambushed 4 miles NORTH KOMIATUM . At least 25 killed. Air ops 6 May. three B25s started fires DILLI 126 deg E 9 deg S. six Beaufighters destroyed nine float-planes strafed villages camp petrol dump sank lugger containing 12 soldiers TABERFANE 134 deg E 6 deg S. five B24s caused explosions huge fires MANOKWARI 134 deg E 1 deg S . also bombed TOEAL 133 deg E 6 deg S . three A20s bombed strafed GREENS HILL. single units attacked MADANG GASMATA CAPE GLOUCESTER. Shipping normal

T O 0. 0940 K/9

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TO: 2/14,2/16,2/27 Bns, K Sec Sigs, 2/59 Aust LAD.
FROM: HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

2 Aust Corps short SITREP 45. land ops. 3 May MUBO area our attack BOBOUBI reported successful but NO details . enemy withdrew towards SALAMAUA. Air ops . 5 May six B25s started two large fires TOKAL . four B24s caused large explosions WEWAK 4 May. possible damage two 500 tons vessels. one 4000 ton cargo vessel probably sunk near KAIRIRU ISLAND 144 deg E 3 deg S. Shipping 5 May. many barges other ships WEWAK and KAIRIRU Island. Submarines. Allied vessel in convoy sunk 25 miles SOUTH - EAST COFFS HARBOUR 153 deg E 30 deg S.

T.O.O 0950K/8

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TO: 2/14,2/16, 2/27 Bns K Sec Sigs 2/59 Aust LAD.
FROM: HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

2 Aust Corps short SITREP 43. Landops. 2 May. MUBO area. One pl advancing with direct air support held up by enemy GREENS HILL 7 deg 14 min S 147 deg S. six enemy casualties. Airops.2 May TIMOR three Beaufighters strafed PENFOEI airfield 124 deg E 10 deg S. four B25s bombed two hrs later causing fires buildings barracks grounded A/C. 3 May NEW BRITAIN four B25s strafed buildings dispersal areas various small craft around GASMATA. Shipping 1 May. five merchant ships 18 landing cr-aft and several other vessels MANOKWARI Harbour 134 deg E 1 deg S . 2 May hy traffic BUIN-FAISI . 3 May many barges some other ships WEWAK.

T.O.O. 1545K/5

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TO: 2/14, 2/16, 2/27 Bns, K Sec Sigs, 2/59 Aust LAD.
FROM: HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde.

2 Aust Corps short SITREP 41. Air ops 1 May. One Hudson bombed buildings LANGGOER 133 deg E 6 deg S. Two B24s bombed hit probably sank 4000/5000 ton vessel off MANOKWAR 134 deg E 1 deg S. Seven A20s bombed strafed GREENHILL MUBO area. Catalinas bombed submarine 170 miles EAST by NORTH BRISBANE. Shipping 1 May. Increased traffic TOEAL 133 deg E 6 deg S, WEWAK and RABAUL Harbour. Submarines 1 May. one possible 90 mls NE CAIRNS. one possible 70 mls WSW GABO ISLAND 150 deg E 37 deg S

2 Aust Corps short SITREP 42. Airops 2 May. Four B25s bombed strafed shipping 10 miles NORTH TOEAL. 600/1000 ton merchant ship probably aground on reef. One B17 bombed docks FINSCHHAFEN. five A20s bombed strafed ground installations GREEN HILL MUBQ area. Eleven enemy bombers with 25/30 fighters attacked DARWIN most bombs SOUTH air field Enemy losses three fighters certain five probable damaged four fighters one bomber. Shipping 2 May . normal.

T.O.O. 0845 K/5

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 21 MAY 43

RUSSIA:

On 20 May NE of NOVOROSSISK Russian gunfire destroyed 12 enemy pillboxes and four enemy aircraft were shot down. Despite increased German air activity the Red Air Force is maintaining superiority.

German sources have reported strong Russian concentrations at OREL and a large scale offensive is expected.

DENMARK:

Danish patriots have set fire to shipyards on the West coast of DENMARK. The Nazi authorities have called up another 8,000 young men for labour on the land.

HOLLAND:

Increased sabotage and unrest has been reported. All radio sets have been confiscated. The people have been threatened that further sabotage will necessitate the calling in of the German armed forces.

FRANCE:

During the night of 20/21 May an enemy aircraft was destroyed over Northern FRANCE by an RAF fighter.

SPAIN:

LYONS Radio reported that a huge fire has swept through the Port of FERROL. The arsenal and docks have been destroyed. Three cruisers and four destroyers were damaged. There has been no report of this fire from MADRID, but German sources reported a fire over a week ago.

ENGLAND:

On 20 May there was only slight enemy air activity over the SE districts of England. LONDON had a short alert during the evening.

MEDITERRANEAN:

There is no further news to hand following the successful RAF raids on SICILY and SARDINIA on 20 May. In recent raids over SARDINIA and SICILY Allied aircraft have destroyed 73 enemy aircraft, 29 being shot down and 44 destroyed on the ground.

ALEUTIANS:

On 20 May it was reported that the campaign on ATTU Island is nearing its completion. Bad weather assisted the landing but then held up operations. TOKYO Radio has significantly announced heavy Japanese losses on the Island.

BURMA:

A mixed commando force of Indians, Burmese, Canadians and some Australians has just returned from a three-months' patrol which penetrated 200 miles into BURMA. The force led by Brigadier WINGATE, attacked Jap transport, destroyed bridges and cut railways. Their efforts relieved the position on the BURMA-YUNNAN border.

On 20 May the RAF bombed Jap positions in Western BURMA and attacked coastal shipping.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO:

On 20 May Allied aircraft dropped 18 tons of bombs on VUNAKANAU airfield. Many fires were started, probably amongst grounded aircraft. AA fire was intense. at GASMATA

On 20 May three attacks were made on the runway/and the CAPE GLOUCESTER airfield was also bombed.

NEW GUINEA:

Milne Bay - Four enemy aircraft dropped bombs. Port Moresby. Six enemy aircraft dropped six bombs which fell in the bush.

Dobodura - Enemy aircraft twice raided this area.

Douglas Harbour - Twelve enemy aircraft bombed a small Allied vessel.

Salamaua - Allied aircraft bombed Japanese positions along the FRANCISCO River and medium bombers attacked the town area. At FINSCHHAFEN two enemy barges were attacked and coastal areas strafed.

Stop Press: TOKYO Radio has announced that Admiral YAMAMOTO has been killed in a naval action. He was C-in-C of the Japanese Imperial Navy.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 20 MAY 43.

R U S S I A : NE of NOVOROSSISK the Russians have beaten back more enemy counter-attacks. The Nazis used large numbers of infantry, but heavy Soviet fire forced them to retreat leaving many dead and quantities of valuable material. In aerial operations during the last three weeks the enemy has lost 300 aircraft. It was reported that American aircraft have been flown direct from the PERSIAN GULF to the KUBAN area.

N O R W A Y : The Norwegian radio announced that six Norwegians are to be executed because they had made military preparations to fight on the side of the Allies in the event of the country being invaded by our forces.

G E R M A N Y : Flying Fortresses raided industrial areas and U-boat bases. KIEL was attacked for the second time in six days. Despite a smoke screen, submarine yards and installations suffered. FLENSBURG was also bombed.

It was reported that a third large dam, six miles South of the MOHNE dam, was showing signs of collapse despite the efforts of German engineers to support it. Flood waters from the MOHNE dam have spread for sixty miles and the EDER floods have inundated the large airfield at FRITZLAR and have swept through CASSEL, fifty miles from the dam.

F R A N C E : On 17 May Allied aircraft bombed BORDEAUX and inflicted considerable damage on buildings and installations.

E N G L A N D On 19 May enemy aircraft were over the SE of ENGLAND. Some bombs were dropped causing only slight damage and a few casualties. LONDON had two alerts and gunfire was heard.

A L E U T I A N S: : US forces continue to make good progress on ATTU ISLAND. The Japanese forces have been pushed towards the coast and are now exposed to American Navy and infantry fire.

B I S M A R C K
A R C H I P E L A G O Allied aircraft on 19 May bombed the airfields at GASMATA and CAPE GLOUCESTER.

N E W G U I N E A :

ORO BAY: On 19 May nine enemy bombers dropped twenty bombs which did no damage. Allied aircraft shot down one bomber.

CAPE WARD HUNT: A small force of enemy aircraft dropped bombs which fell in DOUGLAS HARBOUR. No damage was done.

N.E.I.

TIMOR: On 19 May two attacks were made on the enemy airfield at PENFOEI. In the first raid by Beaufighters, two grounded bombers were destroyed and one bomber and one fighter damaged. The second raid was carried out by Liberators three hours later. Eight Zeros intercepted and three were destroyed and two more probably destroyed.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 19 MAY 43

R U S S I A:

Soviet forces have regained the initiative in the Southern Sector and have broken through the German defences at many points covering the North East approaches to the BLACK SEA port of NOVOROSSISK. They blew up many strongpoints and silenced several batteries.

In the KUBAN Area the Russians have repulsed many counter attacks.

Activity on other fronts has been confined to patrols and exchanges of artillery fire.

G E R M A N Y:

Following the recent RAF bombing of the MOHNE and EDER Dams, latest reports indicate the hourly spreading of the resulting floods. The town of CASSEL an important dircraft and locomotive production centre has been flooded. Berlin has admitted an eight foot rise in the WESER River of which the EDER is a tributary.

I T A L Y:

Rome Radio has announced that on 16 May leaflets were dropped over ROME by the RAF.

E N G L A N D:

On 18 May German aircraft were over the South East coast of ENGLAND. One enemy aircraft was shot down.

T U N I S I A:

A communique from Gen EISENHOWER states that the 40,000 Axis prisoners held by the French in TUNISIA have already been employed in road construction and bridge repair work. It is officially stated that the number of Axis prisoners taken during the campaign totalled over 200,000 and the quantity of war material taken was considerable.

A L E U T I A N S:

Operations on ATTU Island continue satisfactorily. A ridge in the centre of the Island which the Japanese had defended strongly has been captured.

A U S T R A L I A:

It was stated to-day that the number on board the "CENTAUR" was 332 and not 363 as previously announced. Of the 64 survivors 34 were medical personnel, including one sister, and 30 members of the crew.

B I S M A R C K A R C H I P E L A G O:

New Ireland. An Allied aircraft on 18 May engaged two enemy floatplanes over STEFFEN STRAIT and damaged one of them.

New Britain. Before dawn on 18 May Allied aircraft attacked VUNAKANAU airfield. Fires were started. Other units attacked ARAWE and airfields at GASMATA and CAPE GLOUCESTER.

Admiralty Is. On 18 May Allied aircraft bombed LORENGAU on MANUS IS.

N E W G U I N E A:

Twenty five enemy fighters strafed the aerodrome at WAU on 18 May. No casualties resulted and damage was slight.

On 18 May our aircraft bombed the waterfront area at FINSCHHAFEN and the enemy airfield at LAE.

G E N E R A L:

CHILI has broken diplomatic relations with VICHY, RUMANIA, HUNGARY and BULGARIA.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 18 MAY 43

RUSSIA:

Soviet divisions NE of NOVOROSSISK repulsed repeated attacks by German infantry and tank units. The Russians held their positions. Further North on the DONETZ front Soviet forces have consolidated their positions on the West bank of the DONETZ River in the face of persistent counter-attacks.

GERMANY:

The RAF destruction of the MOHNE and EDER Dams has caused chaos in the RHUR VALLEY. Photographic interpretation has revealed a breach of 300 feet in the centre of the great MOHNE Dam. A vital power station was engulfed and washed away in the resultant flood. Considerable damage was done to other power plants and railways. The large industrial centre of DORTMUND is threatened by the flood and ESSEN 17 miles further on, is in danger. It has been revealed that a German Jewish refugee conceived the idea, which was adopted by the Air Ministry. The Lancaster Bomber crews were specially trained for the task. It was carried out at the most opportune time, as both rivers are now in flood.

ITALY:

Despite the increased diplomatic activity taking place in ROME, LONDON newspapers warn that the unconditional surrender of Fascist ITALY cannot be expected without a stern struggle. A seaplane base 15 miles from ROME was bombed by Allied aircraft operating from NORTH AFRICA. Pamphlets have been dropped over ITALY, suggesting the idea of a separate peace.

ENGLAND:

At least three German aircraft were destroyed in raids over England during 17 May and bombs were dropped in the SW and SE districts, causing some casualties and damage. Bombs were also dropped in districts on the South coast of WALES. LONDON had three alerts and heavy AA fire was heard.

ALEUTIANS:

US reports indicate that operations are progressing satisfactorily on the Island of ATTU.

AUSTRALIA:

It was announced that at 0410 hrs 14 May the hospital ship "CENTAUR" was torpedoed 40 miles East of BRISBANE. The ship was en route from SYDNEY to NEW GUINEA. There were only 64 survivors of her crew and medical staff of 363. A protest has been made to JAPAN. It was stated that the ship was clearly marked and illuminated and without escort. The weather was clear and visibility good. The survivors were on rafts for 36 hours and continually attacked by sharks.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO:

At GASMATA Allied aircraft raided the drome and a Jap bomber on the ground was destroyed. Supply dumps and dispersal areas were bombed. CAPE GLOUCESTER airfield was also bombed.

NEW GUINEA:

An Allied aerodrome at WAU was attacked by a force of 22 Japanese bombers and 21 fighters on 17 May and slight damage resulted.

NEI AREA:

Kai Islands. On 17 May Allied aircraft bombed the Islands.

It was reported that Allied medium bombers attacked the airfields at PENFOEI and DILLI on 17 May. Fires were started.

Mappi Post. Three enemy aircraft bombed and strafed the area.

GENERAL:

The Canadian Prime Minister, Mr MacKenzie King, has arrived in WASHINGTON to confer with Mr Churchill and President Roosevelt.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 17 MAY 43.

R U S S I A:

The Russian Air Force again attacked German supply centres and transport concentrations behind the lines. Heavy raids were carried out and ammunition dumps were blown up. The Soviet artillery continued to pound the German defences North East of NOVOROSSISK and more enemy strongpoints were destroyed.

The Russians have captured another bridgehead on the DONETZ River. The Germans attempted to cross this river at a point but were repulsed.

G E R M A N Y:

Both RAF units and US aircraft during daylight and on the night 16/17 May bombed targets in GERMANY. No details are yet to hand but Berlin Radio has announced that targets were attacked in Central, Northern and Western GERMANY.

I T A L Y:

The King of ITALY is reported to have abdicated and from LONDON and WASHINGTON come suggestions that ITALY may soon sue for peace.

F R A N C E:

During 16 May US thunderbolts made attacks on enemy airfields in Northern FRANCE.

E N G L A N D:

Four German aircraft were shot down in scattered raids over ENGLAND on the night 16/17 May. The veteran trawler HMS "STAUNCH" in the NORTH SEA on 16 May brought down an enemy bomber.

A L E U T I A N S:

U.S. forces have made further advances on ATTU Island. They have repulsed a number of enemy counter attacks.

S O L O M O N S:

Washington announced that U.S. aircraft attacked KAHILI and BALLALE on 13 May and shipping in the BUIN area. Four enemy bombers attacked installations at GUADALCANAL on 14 May.

B I S M A R C K A R C H I P E L A G O:

On 16 May allied aircraft attacked the airfield at KAVIENG and bombs fell in the dispersal areas.

New Britain On 16 May VUNAKANAU airfield was bombed.
At GASMATA and CAPE GLOUCESTER runways and buildings were bombed by Allied aircraft.

N E W G U I N E A:

CAPE WARD HUNT. On 16 May Allied aircraft shot down an enemy bomber and fighter without loss.

WARIA RIVER. Four enemy aircraft dropped bombs which fell harmlessly in the bush.

LAE. On 16 May Allied aircraft made several raids. Extensive damage was done to the runways and enemy installations. Ten enemy aircraft on the ground were strafed.

FINSCHHAFEN. Night 16/17 May Allied aircraft bombed the area.

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Celebes On 16 May Allied aircraft made a heavy raid on KENDARI. expolsions and large fires were caused.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 16 MAY 43.

R U S S I A : There is no major change in this theatre.

The Soviet Air Force continues to attack German lines of communication.

In the LENINGRAD area Axis troops launched night counter-attacks and German paratroops were dropped behind the Soviet lines.

Railway installations and ammunition dumps were bombed in the GOMEL-OREL sector where many hits were scored. In this area 100 German lorries, together with large numbers of guns were amongst the enemy material which was destroyed.

On the KHARKOV front there is definite evidence that the Germans are preparing for the summer offensive. In air attacks in this sector, on 15 May, the Russians destroyed 17 German aircraft, 300 freight cars and quantities of other material. In these operations 23 Russian aircraft were destroyed.

G E R M A N Y : American bombers, based in ENGLAND, carried out their heaviest raid so far on targets in NW GERMANY. They made their attacks unescorted by fighters, and particular attention was paid to the U-Boat base at EMDEN where damage was done to installations, marshalling yards and harbour works, which were heavily bombed. Six allied aircraft are missing from this operation. In the initial stages of the operation, clouds obscured the target, but later the weather cleared enabling our pilots to sight their objectives.

I T A L Y : Allied aircraft, based on MALTA, continued their day and night raids on ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA.

F R A N C E : The RAF has continued its offensive against Northern FRANCE. On 15 May, Mitchells and Typhoons bombed and strafed airfields in this area. Seven German fighters were destroyed for the loss of six allied aircraft.

E N G L A N D : On 15 May enemy aircraft carried out raids on several large cities.

A L E U T I A N S: Fierce fighting continues on ATTU Island where US forces are strengthening their positions.

B I S M A R C K A R C H I P E L A G O : Allied aircraft bombed RABAUL and VUNAKANAU Aerodrome on 15 May. There are no details yet available. GASMATA and CAPE GLOUCESTER aerodromes were also attacked. One of two intercepting fighters was shot down during the raid on GASMATA.

During an armed recce over WILLAUMEZ Peninsula an allied bomber was attacked by five enemy fighters all of which were shot down

N E W G U I N E A: Allied troops are advancing in the MUBO area, and sharp clashes with the Japanese are reported.

Twenty enemy bombers, escorted by fourteen fighters, attacked our positions at WAU on 15 May.

Ground fighting took place in the BOBDUBI area and forty enemy dive bombers attacked our positions on 15 May.

On 15 May one enemy recce aircraft was shot down in the BUNA area.

Two enemy aircraft were shot down during two raids against PORT MORESBY on 15 May.

N.E.I.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA: One allied heavy bomber raided NABIRE starting large fires. Three enemy fighters intercepted, one of which was shot down in flames.

G E N E R A L : Berlin Radio reports that some survivors of the submarine "Splendid" have been taken prisoner.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 15 MAY 43

RUSSIA:

The Russian Air Force has made further heavy raids both by day and night on 15 May behind the German lines. Ammunition dumps, road convoys and locomotives were attacked and a particularly heavy attack was concentrated on a railroad station East of BRYANSK. Raids extended from OREL down to the UKRAINE. Seventy-two enemy aircraft were destroyed and twenty-three Soviet aircraft failed to return to their base.

Soviet Forces continued to shell the German defences of NOVOROSSISK. No major activity was reported from any other front.

GERMANY:

During 14 and 15 May both RAF and US aircraft have carried out raids over GERMANY. A strong force of Liberators and Flying Fortresses attacked the Naval base at KIEL.

HOLLAND:

Low-level attacks were made on industrial targets at HEELSUM which supplies most of Northern HOLLAND with electric power. No fighter escort accompanied our bombers on this raid, all of which returned safely to their bases.

BELGIUM:

A US heavy bomber formation attacked the General Motors plant at ANTWERP and an aircraft factory and large repair depot at COURTRAI. Allied fighters shot down twelve enemy fighters in this raid.

FRANCE:

RAF Typhoons attacked important communication centres twenty miles SE of LE HAVRE. One enemy fighter was shot down over Northern FRANCE.

TUNISIA:

The former Commander-in-Chief of Axis Forces in TUNISIA, General Von Arnim, left North Africa in an Allied aircraft on 14 May.

The Royal Navy is already repairing the naval base at BIZERTA.

General Giraud's administration is speeding up the release of people detained for political reasons. Jewish officials expelled by Vichy have been re-instated.

MEDITERRANEAN:

Sicily. During 14 May US Liberators under cover of MALTA-based fighters raided AUGUSTA in Eastern SICILY. Hits were scored on shipping and harbour installations.

Sardinia. The Axis Naval and Air base at CAGLIARI was bombed and severe destruction caused to industrial plants and Naval yards. One ship blew up in the harbour and others were hit.

Italy. RAF Wellingtons raided NAPLES on 15 May.

ALEUTIANS:

Attu Island. Fighting is progressing satisfactorily, Washington announced that the landing took place on 11 May. It was a combined Naval and Army operation but marines did not participate in the landing. Tokyo reports that the Japanese are outnumbered.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO:

New Britain. Targets at UBILI, GASMATA and CAPE GLOUCESTER were bombed and strafed by Allied aircraft. GASMATA was attacked in daylight by bombers with fighter escort. The runway was rendered unserviceable and the jetty destroyed. There was no enemy interception.

NEW GUINEA:

Oro Bay. An air raid by twenty enemy bombers escorted by twenty-five fighters was intercepted and driven off by Allied fighters. Seven bombers and nine fighters were shot down and one fighter probably shot down. Our losses were slight. FINSCHHAFEN, WEWAK and BORAM were attacked by Allied aircraft on 15 May. At WEWAK some aircraft on the ground were set on fire. UNEA Island in the VITU Group was bombed and the jetty destroyed.

NEI AREA:

Dutch New Guinea. TIMOEKA. Allied heavy units bombed the runway on 15 May.

Timor. DILLI, the town and runway were bombed. The PENFOEI aerodrome was bombed in a night attack.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 14 MAY 43

R U S S I A : The Red Air Force attacked WARSAW which is nearly 500 miles from the nearest point of the Russian lines. Their bombers must have flown 1,000 miles over German occupied territory to make this raid. They concentrated on railway junctions and blew up troop trains and ammunition dumps. All bombers returned safely.
In the DONETZ bend the Red Army has repelled a number of German counter-attacks. The Soviet forces continued to shell the German defences around the BLACK SEA Port of NOVOROSSISK. Russian artillery smashed 19 German batteries.

SWEDEN: During 13 May Swedish A/A guns fired on a German aircraft flying over Southern SWEDEN. The aircraft was hit, but managed to pass the territorial limit before Swedish fighters could intercept.

G E R M A N Y : RAF bombers attacked targets in GERMANY during the night 13/14 May. No details have yet been released, but BERLIN Radio announced that raids had taken place on Western, Central and Northern GERMANY. On the night of 12 May over 1500 tons of bombs were dropped on the inland port of DUISBERG.

F R A N C E : Both RAF and US aircraft bombed targets in Northern FRANCE during the night 13/14 May. CHERBOURG HARBOUR and BOULOGNE were attacked. RAF Typhoons attacked airfields at ABBEVILLE and dropped bombs on German aircraft refuelling there. In these operations, ten enemy aircraft were destroyed for the loss of seven RAF fighters and one bomber.

E N G L A N D : On the night 13/14 May a few enemy aircraft were over ENGLAND. LONDON had a short alert during which gunfire was heard. One enemy aircraft was brought down and bombs were dropped on EAST ANGLIA where damage and casualties were reported.

T U N I S I A : It is estimated that the number of enemy prisoners taken will total approximately 175,000. Quantities of abandoned equipment are still being collected. It is now reported that fifteen generals besides Von ARNIM have been captured in the North African campaign. HITLER has announced to the German people that, "All is now over in NORTH AFRICA".

A L E U T I A N S : It was reported that strong US forces have landed at ATTU ISland, and fierce fighting continued.

M E D I T E R R A N E A N : Royal Naval forces heavily shelled the Island of PANTELLERIA for the first time early on 13 May. Heavy damage was done to the harbour. Naval aircraft assisted by dropping flares which lit up the target area
SICILY: STOCKHOLM Radio reported that Italians are fleeing from SICILY.

B I S M A R C K A R C H I P E L A G O :
ADMIRALTY IS: LORENGAU was bombed by Allied aircraft on 13 May.
NEW BRITAIN: Allied bombers and long range fighters made two daylight raids during 13 May on GASMATA where the main targets were airfields, camps, buildings and barges along the waterfront. On the airfield, three enemy aircraft were destroyed.
CAPE GLOUCESTER was also attacked and the airfields of LAKUNAI and VUNAKANAU at RABAUL., Flying weather has improved.

N E W G U I N E A : Further patrol clashes occurred in the MUBO area near KOMIATUM. Thirty five Japs were killed and others wounded.
Two enemy aircraft attacked PORT MORESBY dropping six bombs which fell in the Bush.

G E N E R A L : The Prime Minister has asked AUSTRALIA to observe next Sunday as a day of thanksgiving to commemorate the victory and conclusion of the NORTH AFRICAN campaign.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 13 MAY 43

R U S S I A:

During 12 May Soviet forces continued shelling of NOVOROSSISK the last remaining German bridgehead in in the KUBAN area.

Red Army forces were in action against German tanks and motorised infantry North West of the DONETZ Bend.

The Russian Air Force attacked the enemy's supply lines in a series of raids on airfields, rail junctions and road convoys. BRYANSK and OREL were raided and heavy attacks have been made on enemy bases in the UKRAINE.

N O R W A Y:

On 12 May RAF units bombed an enemy supply ship off the coast of NORWAY and left it sinking. All aircraft returned safely.

G E R M A N Y:

On the night 12/13 May RAF units were over Western GERMANY. Details have not yet been released.

F R A N C E:

During 12 May aircraft of the RAF were over FRANCE on a "Train busting" raid as a result of which five enemy locomotives were destroyed.

E N G L A N D:

During 12 May the sixth enemy raid in 36 hours was made over Eastern ENGLAND. Twelve enemy aircraft raided East ANGLIA during the morning and casualties were reported as heavy.

T U N I S I A:

The Tunisian Campaign ended officially shortly after 2000 hrs on 12 May when the German Supreme Comd General Von ARNIM was captured. This occurred within a few hours of his rejection of a request to surrender and the expression of his intention to fight to the last bullet. Two other German Generals were captured, one the Comd of 10 Armd Div and the other Comd of 90 Light Infantry Div making a total of twelve Axis Generals captured during the campaign. The number of prisoners taken is now approximately 150,000. A vast quantity of equipment has been captured and a considerable number of undamaged guns and aircraft in serviceable condition. Since the beginning of the three years of campaigning in North AFRICA, Axis casualties including killed, wounded and captured are estimated at 900,000.

S O L O M O N S:

U.S. flying fortresses have attacked KAHILI and Japanese positions in the SHORTLAND IS. REKATA BAY (SANTA YSABEL IS) was attacked. NO aircraft were lost in these raids.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO:

New Britain. On 12 May CAPE GLOUCESTER and GASMATA were raided by Allied aircraft.

N E W G U I N E A:

On 12 May Allied aircraft made a daylight attack on the aerodrome at FINSCHHAFEN and widespread damage was done. Bad weather hampered air operations

The town area at SALAMAUA was bombed.

Further ground patrol clashes occurred in the MUBO area. The Japanese have made several unsuccessful attempts to recapture BOBDUBI.

N E I A R E A

TANIMBAR IS. On 12 May Allied aircraft raided SAUMLAKI.

G E N E R A L:

It is considered that Mr Churchill's conversations at the White House may portend offensive action against the Japanese. Dr Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs had an interview with Mr Churchill during the evening of 12 May.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 12 MAY 43

RUSSIA:
The main activity in this theatre has been by the Russian Air Force, which bombed the rear of the enemy's positions. Much activity has taken place in the Central Sector, and SW of MOSCOW. KIEV, BRYANSK and OREL have been repeatedly attacked by Russian long-range bombers.
In the KUBAN area, Russian artillery and aircraft have continued to hammer at the German mountain defences of the BLACK SEA Port of NOVOROSSISK.

HOLLAND:
On 11 May RAF units attacked enemy aircraft off the coast of HOLLAND. One aircraft is missing.

FRANCE:
On 11 May RAF units in a sweep over Northern FRANCE strafed locomotives.

ENGLAND:
On 11 May a few enemy raiders were over the coastal districts of ENGLAND, but no damage or casualties have been reported.

TUNISIA:
Axis resistence in the CAPE BON Peninsula has crumbled as a result of attacks by British tanks. Late on the evening of 11 May they had penetrated along both coastal roads to a distance of 18 miles and had captured 20,000 prisoners.
Enemy equipment litters the roads, the enemy continues to surrender, and the Axis forces on the Peninsula have accepted the Allied terms of unconditional surrender.
Some fighting continued North of ENFIDAVILLE where some remnants of a Panzer Division are holding out.
The number of prisoners taken in the last few days is now approximately 100,000. Many surrendered with stocks of food and ammunition.

MEDITERRANEAN:
The Island of SICILY was bombed by 200 aircraft on 11 May and smoke from the target area could be seen as far away as NORTH AFRICA. The Island of PANTELLARIA was heavily attacked for the sixth time in four days; 100 Allied bombers took part in the last raid. Only one enemy aircraft intercepted.

AUSTRALIA:
Northern Territory. Three enemy Floatplanes were over CAPE WESSEL on 11 May. Intercepting Allied fighters destroyed one enemy aircraft.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO:
New Britain. On 11 May Allied heavy bombers carried out a dawn attack on VUNAKANAU drome at RABAUL. Large fires were started which were visible for 60 miles, and it is considered that some aircraft on the ground were destroyed. CAPE GLOUCESTER drome was also attacked.

NEW GUINEA:
Land fighting in the MUBO area has continued with the Allied patrols having some success. On 11 May Allied aircraft carried out attacks on barges in LABU Lagoon near LAE. On the same day Allied recce aircraft strafed surface craft off ALEXISHAFEN.

N.E.I. AREA:
Dutch New Guinea. On 11 May nine enemy medium bombers attacked MERAUKE, causing some damage and casualties.
Timor. On the same day Allied medium bombers attacked the drome and town area of DILLI. PENFOEI aerodrome near KOEPANG was attacked by Allied bombers.

GENERAL:
The British Prime Minister, Mr Churchill, arrived in WASHINGTON early on the evening of 11 May and drove to the White House with President Roosevelt, where talks proceeded immediately.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 11 MAY 43.

R U S S I A : In the Southern Sector, the Russians are keeping up strong pressure on the BLACK SEA Port of NOVOROSSISK.

The Red Air Force has continued to carry out attacks on troop concentrations, ammunition dumps and aerodromes behind the enemy's lines, particularly in the BRYANSK area where the enemy has been maintaining powerful forces in their preparation for an attack on MOSCOW.

E N G L A N D : During the night 10/11 May only one enemy raider appeared over the South coast of ENGLAND, causing slight damage and casualties.

T U N I S I A : The trapped remnants of the German Afrika Korps in the CAPE BON Peninsula are preparing to put up stiff resistance, but the British First Army is driving a wedge between them, leaving one half to face the sea and the other to face the British Eighth Army and French Forces. It is estimated that fifty to a hundred and fifty thousand enemy troops are still trapped on the CAPE BON Peninsula.

All enemy resistance in the Southern sector ended soon after midday on 10 May.

Around BIZERTA all fighting has ceased and many prisoners are pouring in. Out of 75,000 prisoners taken, 3,000 are airmen. Thirty one thousand prisoners and six generals surrendered to the US 2 Corps.

Large numbers of the Axis forces are endeavouring to escape by sea, but continuous patrolling is being carried out by air and sea.

A U S T R A L I A : Nine enemy fighters strafed MILIMGIMBI area NORTHERN TERRITORY. Intercepting allied fighters destroyed two and damaged two enemy aircraft for the loss of one.

N E W G U I N E A : Allied recce aircraft carried out attacks on ground installations at FINSCHHAFEN and LAE. The aerodrome at SALAMAUA was also attacked.

Two enemy aircraft attacked MILNE BAY under cover of darkness, but did no damage.

In the MUBO area an enemy attack South of GREENS HILL was repulsed by allied forces.

N.E.I. Area :

DUTCH NEW GUINEA: On 10 May allied aircraft carried out a further night attack on BABO. Bombs were dropped in the wharf area and on the aerodrome; twenty three grounded aircraft were destroyed and a large ammunition or fuel dump was destroyed causing large fires, visible for eighty miles.

When returning to their base, the allied aircraft carried out strafing attacks on targets at DOBO (AROE IS) and KAIMANA in DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

AROE IS: Allied aircraft strafed enemy barges in the SERWATOE River.

TANIMBAR IS. Allied aircraft bombed and strafed ground installations at SAUMLAKI.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 10 MAY 43

R U S S I A:

The Germans endeavoured to regain ground in the North West DONETZ Sector and attacked with two regiments of infantry supported by tanks. The attack was repulsed.

The Russian offensive against the BLACK SEA Port of NOVOROSSISK has reached a new stage. The Soviet forces were developing their break-through of the outer drfences and are now hammering at the second line covering the City from the North East. This new line is well sited in mountainous forest country. The Germans have counter-attacked repeatedly without success.

The Red Air Force continued to make further heavy raids on railway installations and troop concentrations behind the enemy lines. BYELGOROD and BRYANSK were among the targets raided.

T U N I S I A:

Over 50,000 Axis prisoners have been taken in North TUNISIA since 7 May, and another 50,000 are trapped in the CAPE BON peninsula; no attempt has been made to evacuate these troops who are being continually attacked by Allied aircraft and shelled by British warships.

Operations during 9/10 May have been mainly confined to sea and air engagements.

2 US Corps has completed mopping up operations in the BIZERTA area where all organised resistance has ceased. Remnants of the German 15 Panzer Division have surrendered to the 7 British Armd Division North of ZAGHOUAN.

No German air activity has taken place and it would appear that Axis aircraft have been withdrawn from all areas. It is reported that both ROMMEL and VON ARNIM have left TUNISIA and that an Italian General has assumed control of operations. The city of TUNIS itself is practically undamaged, while in an adjacent airfield 100 German aircraft were wrecked proving the accuracy of Allied bombing.

M E D I T E R R A N E A N:

On 9 May two Axis merchant vessels attempted to break from a TUNISIAN port but were sunk. Royal Navy patrols are keeping watch for any attempt for an Axis getaway by sea.

400 Allied aircraft bombed docks, shipping and landing grounds at PALERMO in SICILY. This raid was carried out in daylight. An enormous bombing concentration was effected on a square mile of docks and industrial buildings. Large fires were started emitting dense smoke and destruction was extensive.

100 Allied aircraft attacked the Island base of PANTELLARIA in the MEDITERRANEAN, damaging installations and grounded aircraft.

C H I N A:

On 9 May US bombers attacked Japanese airfields near CANTON starting large fires. One intercepting Zero was shot down for certain and probably five others. One US bomber was lost.

B U R M A:

Allied forces have been forced to withdraw from the BUTHERDAUNG area to the proximity of the Indian border.

A U S T R A L I A:

On 9 May seven Japanese bombers attacked MILIMGIMBI in Arnhem Land, NORTHERN TERRITORY; damage and casualties were slight. One of our fighters intercepted, damaging one enemy aircraft.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO: On 9 May Allied aircraft carried out attacks on UBILI and aerodromes at TALASEA, GASMATA and CAPE GLOUCESTER.

Enemy barges along the coast near ROOKE Island were also attacked.

N E W G U I N E A:

On 9 May Allied aircraft dropped fragmentation and incendiary bombs on the aerodrome at WEWAK. MADANG aerodrome was also attacked.

The landing strip at SAIDOR and the drome and town area at FINSCH HEN were attacked by Allied recce aircraft.

Allied aircraft strafed enemy positions near KOMIATUM in the SALAMAUA area.

Allied forces ambushed an enemy patrol near BOBDUBI, killing twenty.

N E I A R E A:

Dutch New Guinea: Allied heavy bombers attacked the village and harbour at KAIMANA.

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RUSSIA:

In the Central sector the Russian forces are still making progress, and in the VELIKIYE LUKI area have captured a system of defences which had taken the Germans 6 months to construct. Many prisoners were taken.

On the KUBAN front the Red Army is overcoming stubborn resistance and is closing in NE of NOVOROSSISK.

The Russian Air Force has maintained its offensive all along the front and in spite of enemy interception has struck heavily at the enemy's airfields, supply dumps and troop concentrations, particularly in the Central sector.

On 7 May 190 enemy aircraft were either destroyed or damaged on the ground and in combat. In the last two days the Russians have accounted for more than 300 German aircraft, and on 8 May 62 Russian aircraft were missing from the day's operations.

TUNISIA:

The Allied forces have continued the cross-country pursuit of the retreating and disorganised remnants of the Axis forces.

An Allied armoured force has reached the base of CAPE BON Peninsula and is endeavouring to cut off the enemy's retreat. Another column has pushed forward 14 miles South of TUNIS.

Further South the French forces which captured PONT DU FAHS have made further headway, gaining more ground.

The number of prisoners taken is considerable; large quantities of booty has also been taken.

The Allies are distributing food and clothing to the civilian population in the captured towns.

ALEUTIANS:

On 8 May a US task force bombarded Japanese positions on the Island of ATTU, damaging harbour works, airfields and blowing up an ammunition dump.

US aircraft have also carried out heavy attacks on the Islands of ATTU and KISKA.

BURMA:

In the AKYAB area Jap troops have cut the road 4 miles West of BUTHEDAUNG, threatening our positions in this area.

NEW GUINEA:

Allied aircraft carried out an attack on shipping in MADANG Harbour. A large transport crowded with troops received three direct hits and sank; direct hits were also scored on a cargo vessel which was left sinking.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO:

Allied aircraft carried out bombing and strafing attacks on coasters, barges and launches along the North coast of NEW BRITAIN.

Before dawn on 9 May Allied aircraft carried out an attack on VUNAKANAU airfield.

N.E.I. AREA:

Dutch New Guinea: Allied medium bombers attacked the aerodrome at TIMOEKA.

Kai Islands: On 8 May Allied aircraft carried out an attack on the aerodrome at LANGGOER.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 7 MAY 43

R U S S I A:

The Soviet forces are steadily making a series of defensive rings around the German bridgehead of NOVOROSSISK. The Germans endeavoured to push the Russians back in this area by lauching five counter-attacks but gained no ground and suffered severe losses. At the same time Russian forces in the KUBAN Valley to the North West of NOVOROSSISK are battering the rear of the enemy lines.

Soviet long range night bombers have raided railway junctions in the region of BRYANSK scoring direct hits on enemy troops and ammunition trains.

Enemy bases behind the Central front have received poundings from Russian aircraft.

F R A N C E:

In further sweeps over enemy-occupied EUROPE the RAF on 6 May made raids on targets in Northern FRANCE. Six goods trains were strafed in as many minutes by one pilot alone.

T U N I S I A:

It is considered that the air co-operation has been the greatest the Army has ever had. Allied bombers raided TUNIS every seven minutes while fighter aircraft carried out 2,000 sorties in the area on 6 May. There are signs that the German front is crumbling as a result of the heavy Allied shelling and bombing. There are indications that Von Arnim is already evacuating troops from TUNIS.

Along the Northern coast and as far down as PONT DU FAHS the German forces have nothing behind them now but the sea; French and US Forces have advanced to within six miles of BIZERTA.

The British First Army has kept up its fighting advance towards TUNIS during the past 24 hours. After smashing deep into the strong Axis defensive positions they captured a point seventeen miles from TUNIS, and are in sight of this city.

A U S T R A L I A:

Japanese submarines operating off the AUSTRALIAN coast have recently sunk five Allied merchant ships, three of them Australian, one Norwegain and one American. Most of the crews were saved through the prompt action of naval patrol craft. Allied shipping continues to operate in these waters with naval and air protection.

N E W G U I N E A:

In the SALAMAUA area Australian forces have carried out successful attacks capturing the village of BOBDUBI and scattering enemy forces in this area. They are now two air miles from SALAMAUA and threaten the Japanese supply line between SALAMAUA and MUBO.

The MADANG aerodrome was bombed by Allied aircraft on 6 May.

Allied aircraft carried out strafing attacks in the GREENS HILL area, twenty runs were made.

N E W B R I T A I N:

The GASMATA aerodrome was bombed and large fires started on 6 May. CAPE GLOUCESTER aerodrome was also bombed.

N E I A R E A:

TOEAL in the KEI IS was bombed by Allied aircraft. TABERFANE in the AROE Islands and MANOKWARI in DUTCH NEW GUINEA were also strafed.

G E N E R A L:

The Third Liberty Loan was over subscribed by £1,800,000.

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RUSSIA:

In the CAUCASUS the Russians have broken through the German defence lines on a 17 mile front and have advanced to depth of 8 miles against the last remaining German bridgehead at NOVOROSSISK, and have reached the railway station of KRIM - SKAIA. A number of Russian villages have been re-occupied and the Germans left 7,000 dead on the battlefield.

The German High Command reported that the German troops at KRIMSKAIA were too exhausted to prevent the Russians breaking through at several points. The Russian infantry attack had artillery support and the Red Air Force dive bombed the enemy lines.

On 4 May targets at BREST LITOVSK and BRYANSK consisting mainly of rolling stock were attacked. Flying Fortresses manned by Russian crews took part in these raids.

ROUMANIA:

The oil port of CONSTANTA was raided by Russian aircraft and harbour works were destroyed.

NORWAY:

British paratroops have been blamed by the Germans for the recent blowing up of four ships in the OSLO FJORD. Widespread activity against the Norwegian Gestapo has been reported, some Germans have been killed.

GERMANY:

During 5 May the RAF attacked the important RHUR city of DORTMUND in one of the heaviest raids yet made on GERMANY. Four-engined bombers took part and 1500 tons of bombs were unloaded as well as "block busters" and thousands of incendiaries were dropped. Thirty RAF aircraft were lost in this raid.

FRANCE:

During the night 5/6 May RAF units attacked enemy shipping off the coast of BRITTANY, following two earlier attacks during the day. One fighter is missing from these raids.

TUNISIA:

In the extreme North the French forces advancing along the coast have reached a point North of LAKE BIZERTA.

In the Central Sector the British First Army are within 8 miles of TEBURBA. A US column driving from MATEUR also threatens this town.

In the Southern Sector French troops are in a position SE of the enemy's key position of PONT DU FAHS and have advanced to within 2 miles of the town. They had previously been reported as "just across the road" between PONT DU FAHS and DJEFIDAVILLE. The US troops which took MATEUR previously are now running into stiffer resistance near FERRYVILLE where US artillery has been pounding the Axis airfields.

MEDITERRANEAN:

A few enemy fighters were over MALTA at a great height during 5 May but there were NO bombers.

ALEUTIANS:

Allied aircraft made a number of raids on KISKA and ATTU.

INDO-CHINA:

On 4 May Chinese pilots flying US aircraft bombed Japanese bases in INDO-CHINA and HAINAN Island.

BURMA:

During daylight on 5 May British fighters made widespread intruder raids on Jap troops and river transport in BURMA.

Railway marshalling yards at RANGOON were attacked.

SOLOMONS:

Allied aircraft have carried out widespread raids on the Islands occupied by the Japanese.

NEW GUINEA: Allied heavy bombers on 5 May made an attack on WEWAK where [illegible] and explosions near the jetties were caused and two 500-ton vessels were believed hit.

Jap shipping near KAIRIRU Island was bombed. At least one 5000-ton vessel was hit and was last seen listing and in flames. Nine intercepting Zeros were driven off and all planes returned safely.

NEI AREA: Dutch New Guinea: Allied aircraft carried out a bombing attack on TIMOEKA. Kai Islands: Allied medium bombers were over the Kai Islands during 5 May and attacked Jap barracks at TOEAL, starting large fires.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 5 MAY 43

R U S S I A : In the Central sector Russian aircraft have carried out widespread raids on railways, dumps and troop concentrations.

In the KUBAN sector fierce hand to hand fighting has taken place during the past twenty four hours, and the Germans have withdrawn from several important towns in this area. Soviet air operations have proceeded on a large scale. Fifty five German aircraft were shot down for the loss of eleven.

G E R M A N Y : On 4 May the RAF carried out daylight raids over Western GERMANY; five intercepting fighters were destroyed for the loss of one. Details of these raids are not yet to hand.

B E L G I U M : On 4 May the industrial city of ANTWERP was attacked by US heavy bombers; large fires were started in the target area. Two intercepting fighters were destroyed; all our bombers returned safely.

F R A N C E : On 4 May, railway marshalling yards at ABBEVILLE in Northern FRANCE were attacked by aircraft of the Royal NEW ZEALAND Air Force. Results are not yet to hand.

E N G L A N D : On the night of 4 May enemy aircraft were over towns in the East of ENGLAND. Bombs were dropped in several places causing damage.

T U N I S I A: French troops advancing along the coast are now within thirteen miles of BIZERTA. The US 2 Corps has made further progress in this area.

In the Central sector strong allied drives have been made on the key town of TEBURBA.

In the Southern sector French troops have opened a new offensive in the PONT DU FAHS area; the attack is developing favourably.

It is now considered that both the German and Allied forces are re-grouping for the final offensive.

S O L O M O N S : A US submarine sank two Japanese destroyers and at least two supply vessels in the RUSSEL ISLAND area on 4 May

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO: Allied reconnaissance aircraft have carried out attacks on enemy barges along the North coast of NEW BRITAIN.

N.E.I. Area -

DUTCH NEW GUINEA: On 4 May allied aircraft carried out a heavy raid on BABO; one of the main Japanese bases in DUTCH NEW GUINEA. Severe damage was done to ground installations and large fires were started; a number of grounded aircraft were destroyed.

Six enemy seaplanes intercepted our aircraft over the AROE ISLANDS; two of the intercepting aircraft were destroyed.

KAI ISLANDS: Allied aircraft carried out strafing attacks on lighters and barges in this area.

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GSI 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 4 MAY 43

R U S S I A:

There have been no important changes in this theatre during the past 24 hours.

Patrol activity and artillery duels have taken place in the LENINGRAD area.

Fierce fighting has taken place in the KUBAN Sector; the Russians continue to press against the German bridgehead. On 3 May the German losses included 900 officers and men. The Soviet Air Force has been active over this sector; destroying fifty four enemy aircraft for the loss of twenty one.

H O L L A N D:

On the afternoon of 3 May RAF Bostons and Venturas made heavy raids on industrial targets in HOLLAND. From these raids eleven bombers and two fighters failed to return.

T U N I S I A:

The French forces are advancing along the coast, and in the past three days have taken more than 500 Axis prisoners.

Following upon the capture of MATEUR the enemy has been driven back along the roads towards BIZERTA and TUNIS. The German withdrawal East and South East of MATEUR has been so rapid that the US forces had partly lost contact with them.

Meanwhile the British First Army has continued attacks, which have assisted the American advance.

B U R M A:

Operations in the AKYAB area have been confined to patrol activity.

Allied aircraft have carried out bombing and strafing attacks on villages on ARAKAN Island.

B I S M A R C K S:

Allied aircraft have carried out bombing and strafing attacks on the GASMATA airfield; landing barges and launches along the waterfront were also attacked.

N E I A R E A

TIMOR. On 3 May Allied Beaufighters carried out strafing attacks on the enemy airfield at KOEPANG. Two bombers and two fighters were destroyed on the ground.

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HQ 2 AUST CORPS DAILY NEWS SUMMARY 2100 HRS 3 MAY 43

RUSSIA:

There is still no important change in this theatre.
Russian forces protecting the BLACK SEA Port of NOVOROSSISK have succeeded in repulsing a strong German attack. The enemy employed large ground forces but Russian aircraft forced them back after they had suffered heavy losses. In the six days' fighting the Russians killed over 7,000 of the enemy and wiped out more than 25 tanks and armoured cars.
Soviet forces are pressing forward in the KUBAN area.

GERMANY:

Photographic reconnaissance has revealed the damage caused by the recent RAF raid on the Baltic Sea port of STETTIN. Over 100 acres were devastated consisting of industrial buildings, barracks, railway targets and storage dumps. Ninety of its buildings were totally destroyed and the main railway station suffered heavy damage. Forty-eight hours after the raid more than twenty-five fires were seen blazing across the town.

HOLLAND-FRANCE:

RAF bombers with fighter escort were over industrial targets at LORRAINE. Six fighters were shot down by the RAF for the loss of four. Mosquito Bombers hit railway targets in NE FRANCE during raids on 2 May and all returned. Industrial ttargets in HOLLAND were attacked.

TUNISIA:

Infantry of the British First Army have held a strong German attack and captured an important height East of the main road from MADJEZ-EL-BAB. There is a lull in fighting in the Central Sector. The US forces have made sharp advances along their entire front. They have captured the famous Hill 609, while another US unit took Hill 476 eight miles North of MADJEZ-EL-BAB.; these troops have been receiving supplies by parachute as well as by mule transport.

The US 2 Corps have captured the town of MATEUR, the important rail and road junction linking TUNIS and BIZERTA. This indicates an advance of 12 miles from the previous day against considerable opposition.

In the extreme North French forces have advanced 4 miles and are within 15 miles of BIZERTA.

MEDITERRANEAN:

In the recent raid on PALERMO in SICILY by Allied aircraft it is now revealed that the seaplane base was wiped out and the power station and many warehouses were badly damaged.

ALEUTIANS:

American Liberators made 13 attacks on the runway at KISKA during the past 24 hours and wrecked it. ATTU Island was also attacked.

CHINA:

In an encounter with 50 Zeros US aircraft shot down 9 for the loss of one in the HUNAN Province.

AUSTRALIA:

Japanese aircraft made a heavy raid on DARWIN during 2 May 43.

GENERAL:

The loss is announced of the British submarine TURBULENT. It had accounted for more than 30 Axis ships.

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R U S S I A : On all fronts the position is unchanged.
The Russian air force still continues to harass the enemy by raids on munition dumps and installations behind their lines, particularly in the Southern sector.
Fierce fighting is progressing in the KUBAN area where the Germans are attacking, but the Russians are holding their positions.

N O R W A Y : On 2 May, RAF bombers laid mines in Norwegian waters.
Off the coast, a small enemy ship was attacked and left sinking.

F R A N C E : RAF Spitfires and Typhoons carried out raids on Northern FRANCE on 1 May. Airfields in BRITTANY were bombed and strafed. No details are available.

E N G L A N D : There was no enemy air activity over BRITAIN on 1 May.
The Germans have been exchanging heavy artillery fire with British long range coastal guns. Shells fell in the area of DOVER, but casualties and damage were light.

T U N I S I A: On 1 May severe fighting was still in progress on the Northern sector where the British First Army was holding heavy German counter-attacks. The enemy has been throwing in men and material regardless of cost, but all positions have been held by our forces.
BERLIN radio reported that the Eighth Army made further advances North of ENFIDAVILLE . There is no confirmation of this, although mention is made of an important hill having been captured from the Germans.

M E D I T E R R A N E A N: Allied aircraft have sunk a number of enemy ships in the last few days. Off the Tunisian coast, they sank two destroyers, and five other vessels. Another was severely damaged.

B U R M A : Heavy allied air attacks were made of a wide area during 1 May. Sorties were made over MOULMEIN, RANGOON and AKYAB. Enemy installations and supply dumps were heavily raided along the IRRAWADDY and CHINDWIN Rivers. Much damage was done in both sectors.

SOLOMONS: KAHILI, the enemy base in BOUGAINVILLE Island was bombed on 1 May.

BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO: On 1 May, bombs were dropped on the old strip at CAPE GLOUCESTER in NEW BRITAIN.

N E W G U I N E A : In the MUBO area allied aircraft have lent strong support to our land forces. On 1 May, concentrated attacks were made by our aircraft on GREENS. HILL in support of ground patrols. Forty four bombing and strafing runs were made.

N.E.I. Area: Allied bombers attacked and sank a 5,000 ton enemy vessel off the coast of DUTCH NEW GUINEA on 1 May.
Kei Islands On 1 May bombs were dropped amongst buildings at LANGGOER.

G E N E R A L : Half a million coal miners are now on strike in the USA. President ROOSEVELT announced that troops would be provided to protect those who still desired to work.

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Big Raids On Italy Mark New Stage In Air Offensive

LONDON, Sunday,--The Allies' tour of destruction in the Mediterranean has extended to the Italian mainland. Leghorn was pounded by 100 Flying Fortresses and Naples by 40 Liberators in the heaviest raids yet made in this theatre.

Fortresses ranged up and down the whole peninsula leading to Leghorn--on the W coast near the top of the "boot"--and hit 3 ships in Leghorn harbour.

Twenty-seven enemy fighters were shot down and many other planes destroyed on the ground for the loss of two Allied planes.

In the Leghorn raid docks, railways and an oil refinery were smashed by a great weight of bombs, while three bombers were destroyed on the ground and 10 damaged in the raid on the drome 80 miles S of Naples. Fires were started in hangars and other buildings. Sicily and Pantellaria were bombed again.

A report from Ankara says that, because of increased sabotage, Germany has taken control of all communications and landing areas in Southern Italy. They are reinforcing Italian defences with artillery from the Maginot Line.

Italian soldiers are "passionately waiting for an invasion," says the Italian radio.

U-BOAT BASES SHATTERED BY U.S. BOMBERS

LONDON, Sunday. — The strongest force of U.S. bombers that has raided Europe smashed U-boat bases and a railway junction in France, bringing the total of bombs dropped on Europe to 5000 tons for the week.

Two waves of Flying Fortresses, escorted by RAF fighters, pasted St. Nazaire and shot down many enemy fighters.

Liberators, without escort, raided La Pallice, a U-boat base 310 miles from southern England. There was no interference from enemy fighters.

The base was smashed to such an extent that it will not be able to launch another submarine for three month.s

Earlier RAF planes had attacked two aerodromes in France—one at Cherbourg—without loss. Thirteen bombers are missing.

Planes of the RAF and Fleet Air Arm sank six R-boats—fast motor vessels.

LATE NEWS

LONDON, Sun. — The Japanese garrison on Attu (Aleutians) is presumed to have been wiped out. According to H.Q. in Tokio, no communication from the garrison has been received since yesterday.

GERMANS WILL "SEE STARS"

LONDON, Sun.—A promise that the Germans will "see stars" as a result of bombing attacks was given by Air Chief Marshal Harris, Chief of Bomber Command—photo.

He told a "Wing for Victory" meeting: "If we can see a good many American stars above our head now we cannot see as many stars as the Germans are going to see when the U.S. really gets at them, and that day is coming quickly." Wing Commander Gibson, VC, DSO and bar, DFC and bar, who led the attack on the Ruhr dams, said: "It is said that the British can take it. We can also give it, and we are now engaged in blasting the middle out of Germany."

PILOTS OF THE EMPIRE COMMONWEALTH. — These Spitfire pilots, photographed in North Africa recently, are typical of the men who are now flaying Italy and her protective islands. They are (from left): P/O Small, from Guyra, NSW; F/Sgt. Anderson, Dawson Creek, British Columbia; F/Sgt .Fee, Fenwick, Ontario, and F/Sgt. Allington, Hastings, N.Z.— — D. of I.

JAPS BOMBED AT 16 POINTS ALONG NORTH

CANBERRA, Sunday.--With 16 bombing operations over a wide field, Allied fliers yesterday extended the air offensive N of Australia, unhampered by the bad weather which had previously restricted them.

Two near misses damaged a 5000-ton merchant ship in a convoy trying to sneak supplies to Jap garrisons in New Guinea.

The convoy of four merchantmen and two warships was sighted at dawn between Wewak and Madang—Jap bases which have been heavily bombed in recent weeks. Another attack was made on enemy shipping in the Banda Sea. A cargo ship was damaged and 6 barges strafed.

In a raid on Sumba and Lombok Islands within 450 miles of Sourabaya naval base, our bombers made one of the longest flights Allied planes have made in the SW Pacific.

Numerous dromes in New Britain and Dutch New Guinea were bombed, including Babo, Koepang, Cape Gloucester and Madang. One heavy bomber on reconnaissance was intercepted by four fighters but shot two of them down and got home safely.

Famous AIF Verse Revived

ONE of the most poignant verses that have come out of this war was "SAFE AND WELL," by QX13288 L/Cpl. C. H. Mawby. The theme was a digger writing home, "Dear Mum, I'm safe and well . . . ." Mawby wrote it for The AIF News in the ME, but before he could send it in he was killed in action. His mates forwarded the verse later as a tribute to his memory and it has since been reprinted in publications throughout the world. "TABLE TOPS" will print this verse again next Sunday in the inaugural page of "Ack-Emma-Foofs," a feature devoted to the encouragement of talent among the troops. Contributions of verse, stories and sketches should be sent to "Ack-Emma-Foofs," Editor, Table Tops. Prize details later.

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BIG BLAZE AT WONDAI

BRISBANE, Sun. — Damage estimated at £16,000 to £20,000 was caused by a fire which destroyed six shops in the main street at Wondai yesterday.

Three hundred soldiers and civilians fought the blaze with stirrup pumps and bucket lines for three hours. It was the worst fire the town has had.

SYDNEY SOLICITOR STRUCK OFF ROLL

SYDNEY, Sun. — The name of Gordon Nash has been struck off the solicitors' roll.

The Statutory Committee of the Incorporated Law Institute found Nash had been guilty of grave professional misconduct in having failed to produce any documents relating to his trust accounts and trust funds to an accountant appointed by the institute. He had also not answered a summons to appear before it on May 11.

NZ's WAR BILL

WELLINGTON, Sun. — New Zealand will spend £25,000,000 on the war during the current year.

ACTRESS WEDS

DIANA PARNHAM, Australian actress, and Mr Brydon Taves, Australian manager for American United Press, photographed after their marriage in Brisbane.— Sun Pictorial.

Swoop For Men On Race Train

SYDNEY, Sunday.—Making their first train raid, manpower officials yesterday went through the Newcastle express after it had left Sydney crowded with men going to Newcastle races.

Thirty-seven of the 217 men questioned did not have identity cards and must report to the Manpower Office on Tuesday. One man offered a buffet attendant £1 for the use of his uniform until the officials had been through the train, but was refused.

A young man of military age, caught recently in a manpower raid on Tattersall's Club, was found on the train.

Three honeymoon couples were questioned. They refused to say where they were going.

ALP POLL VOID

SYDNEY, Sun. — The State ALP executive declared void the entire ALP Senate ballot on the ground of irregularities in polling. The charters of Camperdown and Ashfield branches were withdrawn because of alleged irregularities in a pre-selection ballot.

Bread Hold-up Threatened

BRISBANE, Sun. — A bread shortage may be added to Brisbane's milk shortage tomorrow. Bakery employees, whose recent court application for a 7 a.m. start instead of 5 a.m. start was rejected, decided at a mass meeting yesterday that they would not start until 7 a.m.

The master bakers replied that if the men were not at work by 5 a.m., only enough bread for the services and Government requirements would be baked.

GIRLS KEEN TO WED, SAYS JUDGE

MELBOURNE, Sun. — Judge Foster, chairman of the Women's Employment Board, addressing the Economic Society, was asked whether girls now earning high wages would give up their jobs to marry and raise families.

Judge Foster said he had been interested enough to put this question to the girls themselves. The invariable reply was, "Just give us the chance!"

MOUNTAINS NAMED AFTER U.S. OFFICERS

CANBERRA, Sun. — Two officers of a U.S. unit who set out to find a crashed plane in Papua have had two mountains named after them. They are Capt. A. J. Graves and Lieut. L. N. Rennels. In future Mt. Graves and Mt. Rennels will be included in the official news of Papua.

Aged 9, Wins Home

SYDNEY, Sun.—Patrick Joseph O'Connor, 9, won a £2100 house at Annandale when he drew first prize in a Sheepskins-for-Russia art union. He will have to wait until he is 21 before he becomes the legal owner.

TRANSCONTINENTAL BREVITIES

A soldier was killed and two other soldiers and a civilian injured when an army truck came into collision with a passenger bus on a narrow bridge near Enoggera. The civilian was George McDermott, 35, of Harcourt Street, New Farm. Police said many fatal accidents had occurred at the bridge, which was too narrow.

Sydney police are investigating reports that black market tyres are being sold for £25 each. Pre-war price was about £8/10/.

Called to an accident in Liverpool Street, Sydney, ambulance men found the victim was a man who has been an honorary ambulance worker for 30 years. He was Mr John Collett, 63, of Hurstville, who had been struck by a car. He was admitted to hospital in a critical condition with a fractured skull.

Record sum of £129 was received in the collection tin at the Melbourne Town Hall Flower Day appeal for the Mission of St. James and St. John. It included two £10 notes and three £5 notes.

When she fell head-first from Liverpool (Sydney) station between a slow-moving train and the platform, Mrs Caroline Ratley, 62, of Marrirn, near Junee, was dragged several yards, wedged against the platform. She escaped with shock.

The annual Salvation Army appreciation appeal in Hobart raised £706, an increase of £257 on last year. The "Miss New Norfolk" appeal for the Red Cross has raised £322.

Hospital Hustle

MELBOURNE, Sun. — A military hospital to house 10,000 patients has been built by the Allied Works Council in four months, for the U.S. forces. It has 47 buildings and covers more than 200 acres somewhere in Australia.

Photographs taken from his Beaufighter during the Bismarck Sea battle have been shown by S/L R. A. Little, DFC, at lectures given to RAAF personnel in Perth.

Following 64 escapes in 13 weeks from the temporary agol at Barton's Mill (WA), it is likely the gaol will be closed and Fremantle gaol put into full use again.

A decree nisi was granted Frederick Daniell, 42, war correspondent, in Sydney Divorce Court on grounds of desertion.

Ipswich Council decided not to continue remitting rates payable by servicemen because they were so numerous. The burden on remaining ratepayers was becoming too heavy. Brisbane Council remits servicemen's rates when their income does not exceed the basic wage.

NO END TO IT

MELBOURNE, Sun. — Something like a vicious circle has got knitwear manufacturers in a knot. Commenting on the scarcity of children's knitwear, the chairman of the Knitted Outwear Manufacturers' Association said: "When we had labour we could not get sufficient yarn. Now when the yarn is in sight we cannot get sufficient labour."

The number of first-aid posts in Sydney was much greater per head of population than in London, said the NES Minister (Mr Heffron).

Youngest candidate in NSW for the Federal election is Tpr. Denis Warner, 25, of a 9th Division cavalry regiment, who will oppose the Repatriation Minister, Mr Frost (Photo). Trooper Warner, who was a journalist on the Hobart Mercury and the Melbourne Herald, served at El Alamein with the 1st Aust. Commando Unit, and in Syria. His father opposed Mr Frost at the last election.

Sydney's Ugly Man competition for the Boys' Town Memorial Hospital raised £7500. Winner was Mr A. W. Anderson, representing country meatworkers, who raised £2319.

Driving a baker's van, Mrs Mary Turner, 40, of Eight Mile Plains, Q., was killed when the van was struck from behind by a motor truck at Mt Gravatt. Police began a search for the truck.

Nearly £400 has been raised since September by the stall at the Carlton Club Hotel (Hobart), it was announced at a meeting of the Khaki and Blue branch of the Red Cross. This brings to £2155 the amount raised for the POW fund since the stall opened in 1941.

Only half the NSW people who took out voluntary insurance against war damage last year have renewed for 1943. This has caused the War Damage Commission concern because of official statements that the danger of an attack on Australia is still acute.

Pleading guilty to bigamy, Eric Thomas Rossier, soldier, of Melbourne, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment. Mr Justice Martin said he had imposed a light penalty because of Rossier's excellent army record.

The ban on sales of milk from Melbourne milk bars after tomorrow would improve the city's milk supplies, the chairman of the Milk Board (Mr Packer) declared. With the diversion of other consignments also, the need for milk rationing was greatly lessened.

Senator For 26 Years Loses Ballot To Ex-AIF Major

ADELAIDE, Sun.—Sen. McLachlan was defeated in the Liberal-Country Party pre-selection ballot for the Senate.

Sens. McBride and Wilson and Mr E. W. Mattner, an Adelaide Hills farmer, received the endorsement.

Former Postmaster-General and Leader of the Senate, Senator McLachlan has been a SA representative in the Senate for 26 years. In 1938 he ceased to be a member of the Government following allegations that a company in which he was interested had traded with the Government. He has not contested an election since.

Mr Mattner, who won a commission in the field in the last war, also won the MM, DCM and MC. In this war, as a major, he was second in command of the 13th Field Regiment, but was invalided home and declared medically unfit for active service.

TYPING ECONOMY

MELBOURNE, Sun. — Rationalisation has been extended to typewriter ribbons and carbon paper. No more two-colour typewriter ribbons are to be made. A metal spool will have to be passed in to obtain another ribbon. There will be only two classes of carbon paper—quarto and foolscap.

WAAAF KILLED

MELBOURNE, Sun. — Phyllis Gertrude Williams, WAAAF, of Doncaster, was killed when an ambulance she was driving collided with another vehicle. Her patient, Cpl. Angus Pettigrew, of Portsea, had his skull fractured.

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SUPER BUREAU CONTROLS U.S. WAR SUPPLIES

WASHINGTON, Sun. — What is called "a super war mobilisation bureau," with virtually total authority over the U.S. war effort, has been created by President Roosevelt (photo).

It will deal with production and distribution of all military and civilian supplies. It has also been termed a virtual war cabinet for the home front.

Among its members will be Secretary for War, Mr Stimson; Sec. for the Navy, Mr Knox; Lease-Lend Administrator, Mr Hopkins; production chief, Mr Nelson, and Judge Vinson.

Mr James Burns, who has resigned as Director of Economic Mobilisation, has been appointed Director of War Mobilisation. He will have wide powers.

Japs' Last Stand On Attu Island

WASHINGTON, Sun. — Only one substantial area of Jap resistance remains on Attu Island (Aleutians). This area and scattered pockets elsewhere are being cleared up by U.S. troops.

Unable to rescue her troops trapped on Attu, Japan is spreading fantastic stories about U.S. losses of ships and men.

The facts are that U.S. casualties total about 600 and that no U.S. ship has been sunk or damaged. Jap submarines and torpedo-carrying planes have attacked but the only damage has been to the attackers.

THIS YEAR WILL DECIDE, SAYS JAP

LONDON, Sun. — The war will be decided this year, states Tokio Radio, quoting a Japanese admiral. The admiral, however, does not say which side will win.

He predicted intensified air battles in the Pacific because America had recovered from the blows it suffered at the beginning of the war and was ready to match its strength with Japan for mastery of the Pacific.

America was advancing step by step and establishing air bases from which it intended to challenge Japan. The Japanese could look forward to a hard fight in the Pacific.

WHAT NEXT !

LONDON, Sun. — Speculative comments follows the announcement in Washington of the complete agreement reached by the combined British and American staffs. The London Times considers the assault on Europe will now be pressed with determination.

The ABC correspondent in London believes that the talks are indicative of an offensive on a second front, with a Russian offensive at the same time.

Luftwaffe Offensive In Kuban Fails

LONDON, Sun.--"This great defensive battle " is how Berlin Radio describes the fighting in the Kuban, where the Germans are holding their bridgehead at great cost.

According to the Germans, the Russians are trying to widen the breach in the German defences.

In the Donetz Basin, the Russians captured German trenches in a counter-attack and consolidated their gains.

The Germans have lost 197 planes in the last three days in the Kuban alone, and have had to change their tactics. Non-stop air-raids have ceased and now planes are being used sparingly in support of troops. The three days have cost the Russians 59 aircraft.

A report from Finland says the Russians have attacked with powerful artillery support on the western sector N of Leningrad. Six of 12 enemy planes which tried to approach Leningrad yesterday were shot down. Thirty-two enemy strongpoints have been smashed in this area.

MASS ARRESTS IN POLAND

LONDON, Sun. — The Nazi concentration camp at Majdanek has been extended to hold 80,000 prisoners. Most of them are victims of mass arrests and manhunts in Warsaw and other Polish towns.

Berlin Radio calls them "prisoners who were taken by military Storm Troop occupation detachments," which indicates that they were considered likely to organise resistance to the Nazis.

Recently they were allowed no water but a bath was built for the police dogs guarding them.

BOMBER LOSSES

LONDON, Sun. — Replying to questions asked in Parliament today, an official spokesman stated that 287 RAF and 28 USAAF bombers were reported lost in Western Europe last month. Since Jan. 10, 699 bombers had been lost.

MORE U.S. LAUNCHINGS

WASHINGTON, Sun. — Three more ships have been launched in America. Two are cargo ships of 10,500 tons and the third a special ship of unspecified tonnage.

"No Desire To Meddle"---Stalin

LONDON, Sun. — "The dissolution of the Comintern exposes the lie that Russia wants to meddle in the lives of other nations," said M. Stalin (photo) in a letter to Reuter's correspondent in Moscow.

"Its dissolution is proper and timely because it helps the organisation of a common assault by all freedom-loving nations against the common enemy, Hitlerism."

Hard China Fighting

LONDON, Sun.—Stiff fighting continues in the Yangtse valley area of China, where the Japanese are attempting to edge closer to Chungking. Chinese troops continue to hold off major thrusts, and drove off an outflanking movement.

Further south, in the lake area north of Changsha, fierce fighting is going on, and the Japanese are trying to better their position in Western Honan.

Sport: *"KICKER" SHOWS HE CAN START*

NEWCASTLE, Sunday.—Industry, banned in Melbourne and Sydney as a "kicker," jumped away well at the start of the £1000 Cameron Handicap at Broadmeadow yesterday, but finished 10th.

He started favourite at 6/4 and had every chance. He was third at the turn.

A false report that Young Valais travelled badly from Sydney was costly to bookmakers. Early backers were quoted 5/1 and he started at 9/2 after touching 7/2. Young Valais led all the way and won by six lengths. George Moore came from Brisbane to ride him.

Maiden Hcp.—SAVANNAH (4/1), 1; Battle King (8/1), 2; Golden Warrah (5/1), 3. **Juvenile Hcp.**—FINE ART (evens), 1; Profresco (7/1), 2; Quick Step (10/1), 3. **Maiden Hcp.**—CHATAROI (7/4), 1; Two Bids (7/1), 2; Valu (5/1), 3. **Cameron Hcp.** — YOUNG VALAIS (9/2), 1; Belisha (10/1), 2; Strood (12/1), 3. **Hamilton Hcp.**—BLUE CAP (5/1), 1; The Cuan (7/1), 2; McInerney (6/1), 3. **May Hcp.**—FASHION LADY (7/2), 1; Lord Neith (9/2), 2; Lord Valentine (4/1), 3. **Encourage Hcp.**—LEDAL HEAD (5/4), 1; McInerney (3/1), 2; Wimpy (8/1), 3.

PUTS VIM into his "roadwork." American wrestler Sgt. Joe Lynam enjoys a sprint in Sydney Domain. Sun, Sydney.

K.O. In Sydney Bout

SYDNEY, Sun.—Bobby Fuller (9.7) knocked out Dick Ellis (9.13) in the 10th round at Sydney Stadium last night. It was one of the hardest punching bouts seen in Sydney for years.

Brisbane Football

Rugby League. — Brothers 11 d. Souths 6; Norths 10 d. West 3; Valley 36 d. Easts 8.

Rugby Union.—GPS 11 d. Brothers 8; University 6 d. Eagle Junction 0.

Three-Miles To Campbell

SYDNEY, Sun. — George Campbell, outstanding middle-distance runner in Australia, won the three-mile handicap held by St. George Club yesterday. He ran from scratch and his time was 15min. 15sec. He will run against Gunder Haag, the Swedish world's record holder, if Haag accepts an invitation to come to Australia.

SPORT GOSSIP

Only jockey to ride two winners at Moonee Valley (Vic.) on Saturday was V. Hartney (photo). Hartney was successful in the first flat race and the last. In the first division of the Society Maiden Plate he scored by a neck on Lunar Lynx, and in the Sisters' Trial Handicap he had a comfortable win on Liberal Knight. Lunar Lynx was favourite at 7/4, and Liberal Knight started at 7 to 1.

L. Meenan, leading hurdle jockey in Australia, rode Anpapejo, who won the Hospice Hurdle Race at 6/1. Anpapejo, who has won on the flat and over hurdles in Sydney, drew attention to his Grand National chance by winning narrowly but well.

Team's Big Casualties

Eighteen of the 29 members of the South African Rugby Union team which toured Australia in 1937 have been killed in action and six permanently maimed. They have won many decorations. Those killed included the Louw brothers, H. Watt, G. P. Lochner, P. de Villiers, J. White, M.C.; F. Bergh, L. Strachan, Major D. H. Craven, Major B. du Toit, DFC; Capt. H. Martin, Lieut. C. Jennings, Major W. E. Bastard, Major G. Brand, DSO; Lieut. J. Bester, DFC; Lieut. A. D. Lawton, DFC, and Lieut. O. Williams. Major Brand shot down 23 planes and Lieut. Bester 17.

Identity cards will be used in Group 10 of the NSW Rugby League area to prevent "ringing-in" of players.

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Refrigerator, Washing Machine To Every Home, Health Men Urge

CANBERRA, Sunday.--Refrigerators and washing machines should be included in the ordinary electrical services of homes built under Government housing schemes, says the National Health and Medical Research Council conference.

Recommendations by conference for health and social betterment after the war include special attention to housing, national immunisation against diphtheria, mass radiograph examinations for T.B. and voluntary medical examination of couples before marrying are among main ideas urged.

In housing schemes, the type and size of house and the number of rooms should be considered. It urges better medical services in rural areas, more maternity hospitals, more trained doctors and nurses in ante-natal and post-natal work, increased medical services for children, and extended dental services.

Sex education in schools is advised, with general biological and nature study instruction.

As immediate reforms, it urges the authorities to restrict the sale of drink to women, particularly young women, and more control over conduct in public places, particularly by young women.

The council says that VD does not exist on a large scale in Australia.

"Job For State"

LONDON, Sun. — The State should protect the health of children and give them the best education it could provide, said the Archbishop of York outlining a four-point plan on which, he declared, Christians should call for Government action.

Every man must have a decent home, he said. Slums and overcrowding must go.

Freyberg As NZ Gov.-General ?

LONDON, Sun.—The Commander of the NZ forces overseas (Lieut. - Gen. Freyberg VC) is mentioned as the next Governor General of New Zealand. Lieut. - Gen. Freyberg, whose men won renown for their deeds in the North African campaign, and again in Tunisia, is now in Cairo.

PLEASURE YACHT SUNK ON SERVICE

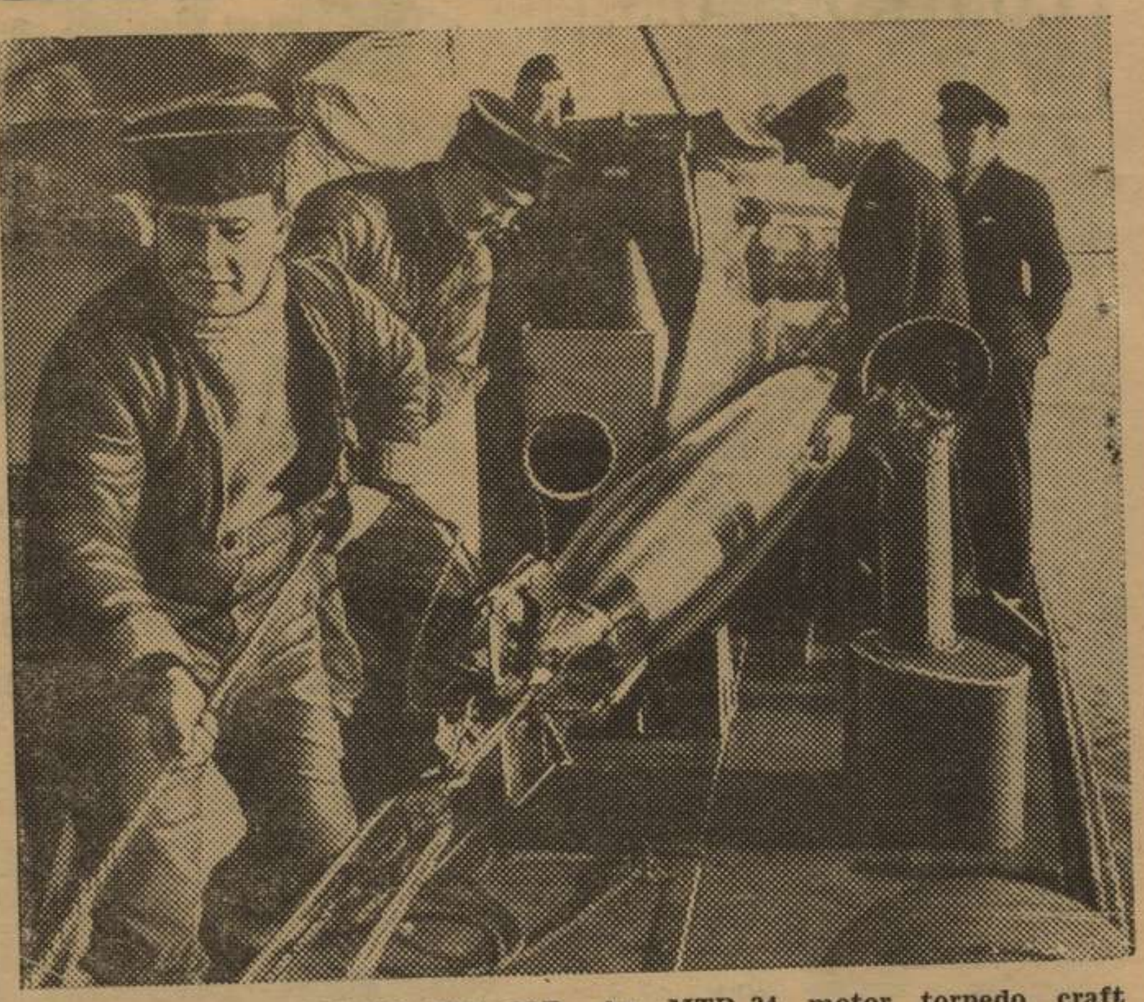
CANBERRA, Sun.—The former pleasure yacht Niagara belonging to seven-times married Tommy Manville, U.S. millionaire playboy, was sunk while serving as a mother ship to a S Pacific torpedo boat squadron.

Seven Jap bombers attacked the Niagara, of 1332 tons. A direct hit started a fire and the yacht was abandoned without loss of life. Later, U.S. ships sank the yacht.

Designed for lavish entertainment of mixed parties the Niagara was the pride of America's pre-war pleasure fleet. She became the U.S. Navy's luxury ship.

SONG of MACHINES DROWNS ROBESON

MELBOURNE, Sun.—More factories in Melbourne are installing gramophones and radios to kill possible boredom from repetition work. The manager of one factory said, "Bing Crosby is a favorite, but Paul Robeson is our biggest disappointment. He can't make himself heard above the machinery."



LITTLE SHIPS DOING BIG JOB.—An MTB 34 motor torpedo craft loads torpedoes for a lightning thrust against Axis North Sea shipping. Yesterday's news told how they had attacked four trawlers off the Dutch coast, sinking one. Such incidents are an everyday affair with the MTB 34 patrols.—D of I.

SPORTS BAN RELAXED ON 3 BIG HOLIDAYS

CANBERRA, Sunday.—Races and other organised sport will be allowed on Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Easter Monday, said the Prime Minister (Mr Curtin) announcing that the ban on holiday sport would be relaxed.

But for this, no race meetings would have been held this year from Dec. 18 to Jan. 8, as Christmas Day falls on a Saturday and the first Saturday of each month is raceless.

The Munitions Minister (Mr Makin) said employees in some munitions plants would be granted a holiday on King's Birthday, June 7, because of a favorable position in the production of many types of munitions, due largely to their hard work.

NAZI LABOUR SCHEME DEVELOPS FLAWS

LONDON, Sun.—Bad handling of the system of sending French workers to Germany in exchange for French war prisoners has been admitted by the German controlled Paris radio. Many letters complaining of injustices have been received by the authorities. Old and infirm men, even ex-prisoners, have been sent to Germany while young men escaped.

AID TO TUNISIANS

LONDON, Sun. — A week after the Tunisian campaign had ended 7500 tons of clothing, food and medical supplies had been delivered to civilians.

Church Paper's View On Bombing

LONDON, Sun. — "Much as we would wish to see the abolition of bombing altogether, we realise the unrealism of such an attitude," states the newspaper Church of England.

"It is a perverse Christian view that civilians must not be killed while acquiescing that soldiers must be killed," it states. "We all become one in the bomber's sight.

"Bombs believe in the unity and equality of all—men, women and children. Bombs refuse to make distinction. Man turns God's purpose upside down by his disobedience."

U-BOAT SETBACK WORRIES NAZIS

LONDON, Sun.—Fewer successes against Allied shipping and increased U-boat losses have led Nazi propagandists to change their tune.

The latest is a German naval spokesman who said the Germans would have to choose between two methods of submarine warfare. They could sink as many enemy ships as possible or they could apply attrition tactics merely aimed at neutralising the U.S. shipbuilding programme.

Berlin radio goes on to quote the Jap Naval Minister as saying: "The Axis naval forces are near enough to each other to destroy the Allied fleets by direct collaboration and the power of skilful attack." It claims that the Japanese have a battleship superior to the U.S. 45,000-ton Iowa class.

RUSSIA STRESSES HER FOOD NEEDS NOW AND AFTER WAR

NEW YORK, Sun. — A request that more food be sent to Russia for the army and civilians was made to the United Nations Food Conference at Hot Springs, Virginia, by the Soviet delegates.

They also reminded conference that Russia's food needs immediately after the war would be enormous, until such time as fertile areas now under Nazi control, could be put under cultivation.

The U.S. and Chinese delegations proposed that an interim commission carry on after the conference adjourns.

One of its tasks would be to draw up plans for a permanent international body to deal with problems of food and agriculture. The commission should meet in Washington not later than the middle of July and its work would occupy four or five months.

Russian delegates agreed to this proposal.

Real Drama At "Gang" Session

SYDNEY, Sun.—While John Dunn was reading a police message about a missing boy during his "Gang" session at a broadcasting studio, other children in the studio cried, "There he is!" and pointed to the back of the studio. The boy was Donald Hennessy, 13, of Lakemba, who had been missing from home for five days. He disappeared from the studio before police arrived.

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FREE TO THE TROOPS

TABLE TOPS

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Churchill's Pledge Signals World-Wide Air Offensive

LONDON, Sat.--Air-raids on important objectives in Germany, Belgium, Sardinia, Russia, China, Burma and New Guinea in 24 hours followed Mr. Churchill's promise that the air superiority of the United Nations would be fully exploited.

A new bombing technique was used in a raid on Essen, the most bombed city in the world. It was the heaviest attack of the year on the site of the giant Krupps works.

Ten powerful waves of RAF bombers left at five-minute intervals to attack Essen. This is the first time this bombing technique has been officially mentioned.

Each wave carried a bomb load designed for use at a particular stage of the attack. Air crews reported many violent explosions, greater than could be made by the 8000-pounders dropped.

At times the barrage was more violent than anything met before. Twenty-three bombers are missing.

Ventura bombers, escorted by Spitfires, made a second attack on Zeebrugge's coal supply in four days. It is believed these raids on the coke ovens have cut off supplies of fuel for the steel works.

One Spitfire and one Ventura are missing.

More than 4000 fragmentation bombs were dropped on two dromes in Southern Sardinia. When Marauders attacked one airfield, 30 Axis fighters engaged the escorting Warhawks. Thirteen were shot down. Only one Warhawk is missing.

Mitchell bombers made the other raid. Fires were started and planes on the ground were strafed. Harbour defences and artillery positions at Pantellaria were attacked by Lightning fighter-bombers.

LONDON, Sat. — Waves of RAF planes could be heard roaring across the Channel last night, but no announcement has been made by the Air Ministry.

SIX ARMY LEADERS HONOURED

CANBERRA, Saturday.—The C.-in-C. AMF (General Sir Thomas A. Blamey) and five other Australian Army leaders have been honoured by the King.

Sir Thomas, whose present distinctions comprise KCB, CMG, and DSO, receives a higher order of knighthood for distinguished services in the SW Pacific. He has been made a GBE—Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (Military Division). Other awards are:—

Lieut-Gen E. F. Herring, CBE, DSO, MC, VD — Knight Commander of the British Empire (KBE).

Maj-Gen G. A. Vasey, CBE, DSO—Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB).

Maj-Gen C. A. Clowes, DSO, MC—Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE).

Maj-Gen G. F. Wootten, DSO—Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE).

Brig John Broadbent — Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE).

The GBE bestowed upon Sir Thomas Blamey is a rare award and is the highest class in the Order of the British Empire. In the military division, only 12 Knights Grand Cross can be created.

Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, GBE.

Nazis Say Convoy At Gibralter

LONDON, Sat. — Berlin Radio states that 20 ships carrying troops are waiting to leave Gibraltar. Other ships there include two battleships and two aircraft carriers.

According to Berlin the aircraft carrier Formidable and four destroyers have already left Gibraltar.

Lt-Gen Sir Edmund Herring, KBE.

Maj.-Gen. Vasey, CB.

Maj.-Gen. Clowes, CBE.

Maj.-Gen. Wootten, CBE.

'Ack-Emma-Foofs'-Opening For Bright Young Men

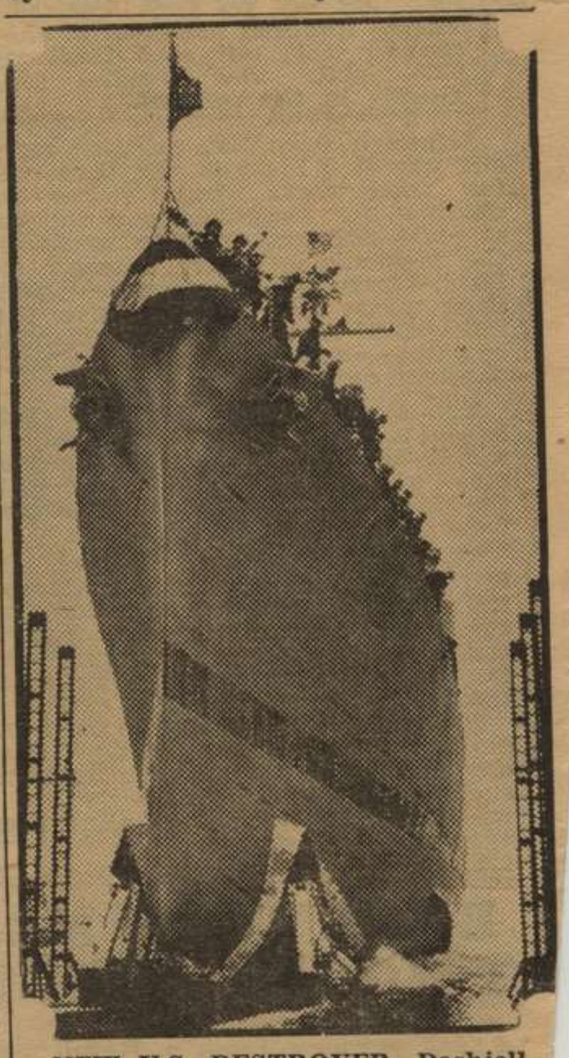
Table Tops readers are invited to inaugurate a blood brother to "Ack-I-Foofs" of Middle East fame—"Ack-Emma-Foofs."

As with its predecessor, "Ack-Emma Foofs" will aim to reproduce contributions typically Australian; stories of robust good fun, verse, sketches, photographs, which should all reflect the many sided character of the Australian soldier, noted for his toughness, enthusiasm, and sense of humour.

Articles do not have to be funny, and interesting stories with historical backgrounds will be very welcome. Do not lampoon others.

Only original material can be accepted, but as Middle East experience revealed, there is an illimitable supply of good copy among the odd incidents and strange coincidences that the average soldier meets in his travels.

"Ack-Emma-Foofs" is to be produced shortly, and contributions should be sent in as soon as possible. Details of prizes will be announced later. Send contributions to "Ack - Emma - Foofs" Editor, Table Tops.



NEW U.S. DESTROYER, Dashiell, being launched in honour of two U.S. naval men. One was Capt. Gatch, whose battleship shot down 32 Jap planes in the battle of Santa Cruz Island. The other was Robert Brooke Dashiell, inventor and builder, after whom the ship was named. — Sun Pic.

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LEADER'S STERN CALL TO MINERS

SYDNEY, Saturday.—"If munition workers are forced to reduce their output because of gas and power rationing, we must feel like a bunch of heels," says the NSW president of the Mines Federation (Mr R. Wells) in Common Cause, official organ of the union.

Miners should not hold up their heads again if workers and troops tried to respond to Mr Curtin's appeal that nothing less than their utmost effort was good enough and had to cut their effort because of a coal shortage.

BRISBANE, Sat.—Brisbane gas and electricity authorities say there is no present intention of rationing these commodities, but warnings had been delivered because of low reserve stocks.

The secretary of the Colliery Employees' Union claims that reports of shortages have been exaggerated. He said the miners would do nothing to interfere with the coal supply and would do their utmost to increase supplies.

Domestic Scheme For Hospitals

MELBOURNE, Sat. — A volunteer hospital auxiliary service had been established at Geelong and the movement would soon spread to Melbourne and throughout the State, the Victorian Manpower Director (Mr Cameron) said yesterday.

Married and single women not required for other essential employment would do domestic work at hospitals for four hours one day a week. They would be paid award rates.

LIEUTENANT WEARS UNIFORM OF GENERAL---WITH FULL APPROVAL

MELBOURNE, Sat. — ABC correspondent Haydon Lennard tells how an American lieutenant was able to use the uniform and badges of rank of a full general without fear of consequences. He was 2/Lieut Charles Arnold, who acted as "stand-in" for General MacArthur when the General's portrait was being painted by Lt/Com Barclay, of the U.S. Navy. Arnold closely resembles the General.

HOUSEWIVES URGED TO POLICE FRUIT PRICES

BRISBANE, Sat. — Housewives are asked by the Government to report fruiterers who fail to display price tickets.

This follows a decision by the Federal authorities that "easily-read" price tickets must be placed on fruit and vegetables. Some shopkeepers have been removing price marks when shortages occur, thus enabling them to charge excessive prices.

In future, it is hoped, housewives will become their own price inspectors.

Postwar Projects

BRISBANE, Sat. — Thirty-two postwar projects, covering a wide range of activity, were being studied by the State Employment Council, said the Minister for Labour and Industry (Mr Foley). Further proposals were to be submitted by 34 employment exchange boards for expansion of industries in their areas.

More Wooden Ships

HOBART, Sat.—Additional orders for construction of ships in Tasmania was announced by the Minister in Charge of Shipbuilding (Mr Dalton) in the Assembly, submitting a bill to increase the amount the Wooden Shipbuilding Board is empowered to borrow from £50,000 to £200,000.

Dip Daily--60 Years

MELBOURNE, Sat. — Every morning for 60 years, Mr Edward Casper, 75, of Mary Street, St. Kilda, has had a swim at St. Kilda baths.

He was there today at 6.30 a.m., when the water temperature was down near 50 deg. Healthy and vigorous, Mr Casper is still at work.

THIS WAS THE HEART OF A GERMAN CITY

DEVASTATED AREA of Mainz, a large industrial centre, after the RAF had passed. This view of blacked-out factories gives some idea of what is happening in cities like Dortmund, Dusseldorf and Essen, which are now receiving the full blast of the RAF's fury.—D. of I.

TRANSCONTINENTAL BREVITIES

Mr David Dureau, managing director of Brown and Dureau, Melbourne, and chairman of Australian Cement Ltd. and Associated Investments Ltd., died as he was returning from a business trip to USA and was buried at sea. Aged 69, he was a former mayor of Hawthorn.

After its programme tonight 6MI, the first commercial station established in WA, will go off the air because of war difficulties.

Production committees are to be established in all Australian meat works. The Commonwealth Meat Controller says there is urgent need for greater meat production.

Supplies of potatoes throughout Queensland are good, allowing 1½lb. per week for every person. The outlook is bright for several months.

Adding to Melbourne's milk shortage, a milk lorry overturned at Tynong Hill on the way to the city and 1050 gals. of milk from Drouin Co-operative Butter Factory was lost.

Entry of women into the engineering trade under new Federal regulations is welcomed by the secretary of the Queensland Engineers' Union. They could now be trained at colleges at the same rate as male trainees, then allotted jobs and paid male rates, he said.

The Apostolic Delegate to Australia has arrived in Brisbane to take part in the centenary celebrations of the first Mass held in Brisbane.

All Queensland collieries will work on the King's Birthday, June 7. Miners will be paid penalty rates.

Partial completion of the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust plans in Melbourne is announced. Three thousand five hundred families are to be housed at a cost of £2,500,000. Munitions workers are also being housed in private homes.

A hessian bag containing £300 was overlooked by a thief when he abandoned a car he stole at Cowandilla (S.A.). The owner tried to stop the thief as he drove off, but was nearly run down. The bag was found on the seat.

Supt. H. J. Church, of the SA police force, will begin long service leave on Wednesday before retiring after 38 years' service. He was 60 this week.

On the instruction of the Repatriation Minister (Mr Frost), plans are to be prepared for a new building for soldier patients at Goonda mental home, Queensland.

Four hundred families in Yerongapilly, Brisbane suburb, are faced with a severe milk shortage because a dairy in the district was closed.

Council's Request

BRISBANE, Sat.—The Brisbane City Council has asked the Federal Government to declare protected the whole of its staff, as they are all in essential work. A reply has not yet been received. Twelve hundred members of the council staff, out of a total of 5000, male and female, are already in the services.

Although Australian painting generally was at a low ebb and there were few good works about, prices now obtained for Australian pictures were at least 200 p.c. above normal, said the Melbourne Gallery Director (Mr Daryl Lindsay). People were putting their money into pictures rather than into other things. The art standard had fallen because most of the better painters were doing war work.

The sanitarium at Kenmore (Brisbane) is now almost completed. It will house 32 patients and when complete will have 64 beds. Soldiers of the last and present war suffering from T.B. will be cared for.

The WA Manpower Director (Mr Stifold) said at a school conference that when it was necessary for married women with children to work in essential industries, better provision for their children and some provision for their husbands must be made.

Under the NSW scheme to comb out single women from Sydney retail shops, married women with home responsibilities will be employed on a part-time basis which will allow them time for home duties.

Investigators To Aid Curtin

CANBERRA, Sat.—In his role as industrial peacemaker, the Prime Minister, Mr Curtin, will receive reports on all trouble and impending trouble from the Commonwealth Investigation Branch and the Industrial Inspection Branch. New regulations provide for the calling up for military or other service of any employer or employee causing industrial unrest.

BROTHERS MADE £5040 FROM TWO-UP SCHOOL, COURT TOLD

SYDNEY, Saturday. — Two brothers had failed to include £5040 revenue from a Bondi two-up school in their income tax returns, the Tax Department declared in Central Court.

George W. Guest, of Richard-ave., Bondi, was fined £100 or 201 days for having made a false return, and William Guest £25 for having failed to make a return from 1941.

Gross income for 1941 was £2830, from which £525 was deducted for salaries and £347 paid in fines for players caught at the school, it was stated. The brothers shared the net income.

Grim Bayonet Clashes On Attu's Peaks

WASHINGTON, Sat.--Bitter fighting is raging in the snow-covered hills of Attu (Aleutians). U.S. Troops are attacking with the bayonet in a major offensive, and have broken up the Japanese into isolated pockets.

The battle, in rugged country, follows Wednesday's success, when 45 Japanese posts were wiped out. Artillery and mortar fire cleared the ground for the attack, with aircraft in support.

U.S. bombers and fighters have made three more strong attacks on Kiska.

The Japanese Domei news-agency says fresh supplies have reached their Attu garrison.

A special session of the Japanese parliament is to be held on June 15.

CHINESE CUT SUPPLY LINE OF JAP DRIVE

LONDON, Sat. — Chinese forces have cut Japanese communications in the Ichang area in Hopei, where the Japanese are attempting to drive west to Chungking.

The Chinese were encouraged by their bombers, escorted by fighters, which heavily raided Ichang.

The cutting of the communications has increased the threat to the Japanese-held town across the river.

RADIO MAN DIVORCED

MELBOURNE, Saturday. — On grounds of desertion, Marjorie Elerton Lamble, 30, of Queen's-rd., Melbourne, was granted a decree nisi for a divorce from Lloyd Lamble, 29, of Sydney, well-known radio actor and news commentator.

CITRINE WILL GO TO RUSSIA

LONDON, Sat. — Sir Walter Citrine and other Labour leaders will go to Russia to attend the Anglo-Soviet trade union congress. It is hoped to gain greater co-operation between the two peoples.

However, Communists will still not be allowed to affiliate with the British Labour party, according to a decision of the national executive of the labour party. Labour claims that if the Communists really believe in unity of British labour they can disband and strengthen the Labour Party.

New Decorations For Dam Raid

CANBERRA, Sat. — Awards have been made to eight more of the 13 Australians who took part in the RAF raid on the Ruhr dams on May 16.

They are:—DFC: P/O F. M. Strafford, DFM, of Wayville, SA; P/O C. L. Howard, SA. DSO: F/L H. B. Martin, DFC, of RAF; P/O L. G. Knight, Vic. Bar to DFC: F/L J. F. Leggo, of Lake Macquarie, NSW; F/L C. Hay, SA. CGM: F/Sgt W. C. Townsend, DFM. DFM: F/Sgt. T. D. Simpson, Tas.

Australians received three of five DSO's awarded and two of four Bars to the DFC.

AUSTRALIA LEASE-LENDING U.S. £50 MILLION IN YEAR

WASHINGTON, Saturday.— More than £50,000,000 was being spent by Australia in the current year on lease-lend aid to the U.S., declared Australia's Minister for External Affairs (Dr. Evatt) last night.

He said Australia was paying for all local supplies, material and labour required for military projects here. He was replying to a complaint by a senator about money spent by the U.S. in foreign countries.

FLOOD RESCUES

WASHINGTON, Saturday—About 37,000 troops had been diverted from combat training to help save civilians from the Mississippi floods, said the Secretary for War (Mr Stimson), today. Only 34 lives were lost. About 34,000 people had been rescued by the troops, and the Red Cross had saved many more.

SOVIET FLIERS DESTROY 54 NAZI PLANES

LONDON, Sat. — Fifty-four German aircraft were shot down by Russian planes and 12 more by anti-aircraft fire north-east of Novorossisk yesterday. The Russians lost 26.

Heavy fighting continues in this sector, but there are no big changes on other fronts. Berlin speaks of renewed Russian drives in the Kuban, but Moscow is still silent.

Russian aircraft attacked junctions on the east-west line leading to Smolensk. Two trains blew up. Warehouses were left burning.

Heavy blows have also been delivered at German shipping. At least eight German supply ships were sunk or damaged.

Migrants Welcome

LONDON, Sat.—Australia would welcome migration from Britain after the war so as to build up the white race in the Pacific, said members of the Australian and NZ parliamentary delegation in England. They were amazed at the war effort of Great Britain and impressed by the high morale of the people.

Sport Results:

Brother Bill's Third

MELBOURNE, Sat.--Always a brilliant track galloper, Brother Bill won his third race in succession at Moonee Valley today. His price was 7/1.

The Benevolent Steeplechase was spoilt when Dorset, Lord Jevington and Ringford were left at the post. Gold Watch, starting at 5 to 1, was the winner. The place-getters in the Patients' Welter Handicap started at 25/1, 20/1 and 20/1.

HURDLE RACE.—ANPAPEJO (6/1), 1; Spellboy (25/1), 2; Virile (6/1), 3.

SOCIETY MAIDEN PLATE. — First Div.: MONA LYNCH (7/4), 1; Gold Trader, 2; Celebes (5/1), 3.

SOCIETY MAIDEN PLATE.—Second Div.: BURMA (20/1), 1; Mirradale (9/4), 2; Happy Birthday (12/1), 3.

BENEVOLENT STEEPLE. — GOLD WATCH (5/1), 1; West Haran (8/1), 2; Pantoon (12/1), 3.

PATIENTS' WLTR. HCP.—TRUSTEE (25/1), 1; Sangallo (20/1), 2; Director (20/1), 3.

NURSES' HCP. — BROTHER BILL (7/1), 1; IOLANTHE (15/1), 2; Leahero (5/2), 3.

SISTERS' TRIAL HCP. — LIBERAL KNIGHT (7/1), 1; Elegies (50/1), 2; Manawatu (15/1), 3.

Sydney Races Off

SYDNEY, Sat. — The Ascot races to have been held at Rosehill today were postponed because the track had suffered from recent heavy rain.

ALBION PARK (Q.)

TWO-YEAR-OLD HCP.—FORT LAD (5/2), 1; John Dobbie (5/2), 2; Key West (33/1), 3.

4th DIV. HCP. — THE TERRAIN (12/1), 1; Lady Emborough (5/4), 2; Idle Green (5/1), 3.

1st DIV. HCP. — VALPARELLA (evens), 1; Wiseland (6/1), 2; Cashman (12/1), 3.

2nd DIV. HCP.—VERILGA (5/1), 1; Don Duck (7/4), 2; Flaxen Fire (20/1), 3.

3rd DIV. HCP.—1st Heat: PAT'S BOY (10/1), 1; Roderick (5/4), 2; Rosszeta (10/1), 3.

3rd DIV. HCP.—2nd Heat: MACLAUS (10/1), 1; Golden Golly (7/2), 2; Gold Boy (14/1), 3.

ENCOURAGE HCP. — GAINALOT (4/1) 1; Hylight (20/1), 2; Highest (8/1), 3.

Sentries' Cemetery Encounter

MELBOURNE, Saturday. — Stalking bright lights in a cemetery nearby, two night guards at an important military installation in northern Victoria saw men digging among the graves.

Suspecting a sinister exhumation, the guards challenged the men, but found they were digging a grave for a friend's burial next day because there was no grave-digger. Manpower shortage is making it a common happening in country cemeteries.

FOOTBALL

Melbourne League

Footscray 13.11 d. St. Kilda 6.12; North Melbourne 15.14 d. Melbourne 10.11; Essendon 14.13 d. Richmond 11.18; Collingwood 15.14 d. Carlton 12.5; Hawthorn 13.8 d. Fitzroy 9.21. South Melbourne had the bye.

Baird (Carlton) and Telford (Hawthorn) are the leading goal kickers with 15 goals each.

Sydney Union

Manly, which has won six games, retained its undefeated record in the Rugby Union competition, defeating Eastern Suburbs in one of the best games played at Manly this season.

Manly 14 d. Eastern Suburbs 9; University 9 d. St. George 3; Western Suburbs 9 d. Northern Suburbs 6; Parramatta 12 d. Drummoyne 3; Randwick 9 d. Gordon 6.

Sydney League

Balmain 8 d. St. George 6; Newtown 5 drew with North Sydney 5; Eastern Suburbs 7 d. Western Suburbs 2; South Sydney 13 d. Canterbury-Bankstown 3.

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Allied Bombers Batter Wewak In NG Air Offensive

MELBOURNE, Sat.--Continuing their latest air offensive in New Guinea, which began with the heavy bombing of Lae on Thursday, Allied bombers yesterday sent 19 tons of bombs crashing on Wewak.

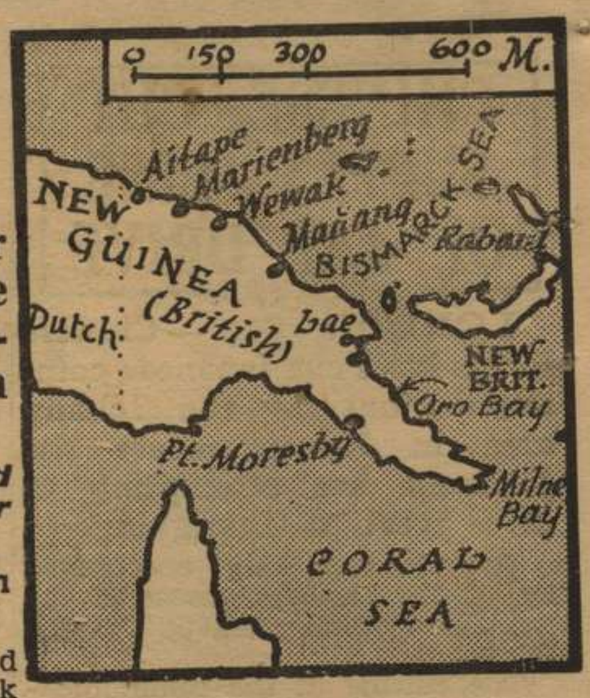
The attack was made before dawn in extremely bad weather and in the face of intense ack-ack, but all our planes returned.

At least 15 fires were started in dispersal areas and seven searchlights were extinguished and probably destroyed.

Eight enemy bombers and six fighters raided Miningimbi, Northern Australia, from a high altitude, causing only minor damage and no casualties. Our Spitfires shot down three bombers and damaged others. We lost two planes, but one pilot baled out and may be safe.

Miningimbi is a small island 300 miles east of Darwin, and has been raided three times.

In New Britain, an allied plane bombed and destroyed a jetty, and at Salamaua one of our attack planes bombed an enemy supply base.



Map showing Wewak area in New Guinea.

SENATOR GIVES ARMY PAY TO AID HIS UNIT

ADELAIDE, Sat. — Sen. Wilson and his wife have placed £1300 in trust to help men of his unit on demobilisation.

Sen. Wilson, who served overseas, said the money equalled all his military pay and allowances from the time he enlisted until he returned.

He had arranged with the CO of the unit to form a committee to administer the fund. The money would be applied to helping members of his unit and other returned men in building houses. He suggested all units should follow his plan.

NORVAL PROBE WITNESS HAS COLLAPSE

BRISBANE, Sat. — Before evidence was resumed at the Norval inquiry, the Crown Prosecutor (Mr Sheehy) told the Coroner that Mrs McPherson, Miss Norval's eldest sister, could not attend to refute statements by Mr Barnes, MLA, because she had suffered a collapse from the strain of the inquiry.

Recounting the police search for Miss Norval, Det. Kerr said four men were killed when a plane, after searching the bay and foreshores, struck overhead wires across the Albert River.

A check was made of 1000 graves. The claim of a spiritualist woman that Miss Norval's body would be found buried at a windmill near the sea at Sandgate was investigated without result.

Kerr said he interviewed James East, Miss Norval's closest friend, and was not satisfied that he did not know something about her condition and disappearance.

Wife Murder Charge

SYDNEY, Sat.—Charged with having murdered his wife, Doris, 25, on May 11, George Ott, 32, was yesterday committed for trial. They had been married six weeks.

Police evidence was that Ott went to Redfern police station and said he had strangled his wife because she had TB and he did not want her to go through what he had gone through.

Flood Still Threatens

SYDNEY, Sat. — Floods still threatened in the Lachlan River area last night, but all danger elsewhere had passed.

The fortnight's fall of 4110 pts. at Robertson was the highest in any month for 53 years.

Australian Fliers' Good Work In M.E.

MELBOURNE, Sat.—Australian airmen were scattered over the whole of the M.E. during the Tunisian campaign, said the Minister for Air, Mr Drakeford (photo), last night. They had attacked enemy ground forces, lines of supply and communications and shipping throughout the campaign. In the drive from Bizerta and Tunis, Australians organised supply and transport columns which enabled air units to move forward with the armies.

Mr. A. S. Drakeford

CANBERRA, Sat. — The DFC has been awarded to P/O Brian Rouse Terry, an Australian in the RAF, for a daring rescue during the battle for Egypt. A comrade force-landed behind the Axis lines close to enemy positions in a strongly defended area. Terry landed after him and flew him off.

HAWAIIAN COMMANDER

LONDON, Sat. — Washington announces that Major-General Richardson has been appointed commander of the U.S. forces in the Hawaiian theatre.

False Marriage Details Charge

MELBOURNE, Sat.—Charged at Caulfield with having made a false marriage statement, Colin Stuart Montague, 44, was committed for trial.

Evidence was given that in marrying Joyce Catherine Edwards on March 19, Montague said in sworn marriage documents that he was a bachelor and that he was up north instructing U.S. airmen in navigation. His address and number had proved fictitious. As Anthony Guy Colin Stuart Campbell he had married Joyce Helen Martin in 1941, saying he was 35. She had divorced him on grounds of his previous criminal convictions.

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Short Story by Australian Writer, Jon Cleary

NEVER ARRIVE

I MET her at a dance. She was in a blue uniform, blue-eyed, and lovely as a clear day. Her eyes said, "Ask me to dance."

I walked across. She just came up to my shoulder and she smelled like the breeze on the flowers.

"I SAID, "How's tricks?"

She knew the routine. "I wouldn't know. The name's not Trix."

"Let's dance while I find out what to call you."

We smoothed the floor, and she danced like Fred Astaire in skirts. By the time we'd finished, I was calling her Ngaire. I'm glad she said it before I saw it written down. It sounded to me like one of the girl friends of Bosambo of the River. She said it was Maori.

I cracked, "If you're doing nothing else, Maori me."

She looked like being violently ill at that, so I gave up punning.

I took her home. I wondered if her name was the only thing Maori about her. "Do we rub noses or what?"

"Or what would be better, I think."

That made it easy. She was soft and curved in my arms and I thought, the Maoris don't know what they're missing just rubbing noses. In the army I'm a paratroop. Her kiss made me feel that I'd just taken another leap.

"See me tomorrow night?"

She nodded. "At Wynyard. Six o'clock." I kissed her again. This time I felt as if I was doing a delayed drop.

WYNYARD. People hurrying here, there, and home. And a figure in khaki just standing. That's me. Ten to seven. I've been standing here so long other soldiers passing by think I'm a picket.

I walk across to the milk bar. This is the fourth time.

"What'll it be this time?" asks the blonde.

"Better make it two aspirins and a glass of soda."

"Stood up?"

I've got pride. "No, just early, that's all."

"I'll bet you were never late for school."

I bite into the aspirin and spit it out.

Seven-thirty. It's no use ringing the station. Her section closes at 5.30. I'm so tired I'm starting to lean over backwards. I feel as if I've been punched in the small of the back by an anti-tank rifle. Eight o'clock. I give up. The blonde at the milk bar waves as I walk away.

I RANG her the next morning and her voice comes over the wire, a bell song on the winds. "Hello, darling." The darling is underlined. I'm putty. She had to drive the group-captain to a conference. O.K. So I love her. So I forgive her. I'll meet her tonight. No, not at Wynyard. At Central. The blonde had her thumb to her nose all through my sleep last night.

I only had to wait 40 minutes at Central. We were too late for a show so we sat in Melmore Park and shared a seat with a metho paralytic. I told her what a wonderful guy I was. She said she'd never met such a good-looking ego and she loved it. I kissed her and the drunk belched.

"This isn't very romantic," she said. "Let's go for a walk."

We left the drunk. I said I would meet her at Wynyard the next night. I preferred the blonde to the human blow-lamp we'd just left.

THE next night, as I walked up, the blonde waved and held up a bottle of soda. I got in behind my paper. I read the war news, the social news, the financial news, the sporting news, the obituaries, and Dorothy Dix. I felt like writing to her. I looked over the top of my paper. The blonde was looking at me. She waved. Ten past eight.

The clock laughed at me. The blonde laughed at me, and when I got to the top of the ramp there were six sailors laughing like hell at something or other. I was wild. I hit one of them. The other five hit me. The provost ran me in for being drunk. Drunk, on four milk shakes.

THAT'S how it went for a month. She averaged one appearance in six appointments. Whenever she would turn up, the blonde would clasp her hands above her head like a prize-fighter.

On one of her appearance nights I said: "Marry me, honey, and then we can dodge this blonde." She kissed me; I did a leap without a 'chute, and we fixed the wedding for Friday fortnight.

CAME the day. I turned up at the church with half the battalion with me to cheer me on. After an hour and a half there was just the priest and me. The priest was fast asleep.

I sent her a telegram: Have stopped waiting; am applying for a transfer.

Now I'm in Adelaide. Last night met a swell-looking Awas at a dance. I took her home. I kissed her, and when we'd finished you could have poured me into a bottle. She said she'd meet me here at the Cheer-up Hut. I'm writing this while I'm waiting for her. She said she'd be here at seven. It's five past nine now. I'm glad the blonde can't see me.

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Lae Severely Bombed And Strafed In Heaviest Raid

CANBERRA, Fri.--Lae had its heaviest raid of the war yesterday, when Allied bombers dropped more than 28 tons of bombs, including 2000-pounders.

The drome, dispersal areas and supply dumps were battered. At least two grounded planes got direct hits. Fires seen for 75 miles were caused.

Escorting fighters fired nearly 12,000 rounds in tree-top height attacks on personnel and ack-ack positions. There was no interception, but one fighter fell to intense ack-ack fire.

The Japs had sent in reinforcements and supplies under cover of bad weather to Lae, where the garrison has been isolated and suffering badly from lack of food and other supplies.

A low-level attack by medium bombers on the drome, radio stations and a headquarters at Madang, up the coast from Lae, is also reported in today's communique from Gen. MacArthur's HQ. They strafed coastal villages on the way back.

The Japs countered with a raid by 31 bombers and fighters down the coast from Salamaua, attacking Morobe, Membari and Douglas Harbour. Damage was slight.

Mosquitoes Strike

LONDON, Fri. — Penetrating deep into Germany—a round trip of 1000 miles—two formations of Mosquitoes attacked an instrument works and a glass factory in Turingia. They came down below 200ft.

Three planes did not return. Two were seen to collide over Germany. An Australian Wing Commander led one formation.

Fighters went out over northern France and Belgium again.

BRITAIN-U.S. IN FULL AGREEMENT

WASHINGTON, Friday. — Mr Churchill, President Roosevelt and the combined staffs have reached complete agreement on future operations in all theatres of war, states an official announcement issued by President Roosevelt, concluding the Washington conference.

A meeting shortly between President Roosevelt, Mr Churchill and M. Stalin is considered to be a distinct possibility, states U.S. war correspondents.

The timing of the talks in Washington to coincide with the visit of Mr Joseph Davies, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, to Moscow is believed to have been deliberate. It is expected to pave the way for co-ordinated military operations designed to catch Germany in a two-way squeeze.

The B.B.C. correspondent in Washington says that the conference may be the turning point in the Far East.

MR CURTIN

CURTIN'S BIG POWER TO END STOPPAGES

CANBERRA, Fri. — Industrial trouble-makers can be put into uniform now by the Prime Minister (Mr Curtin) under a regulation gazetted last night.

Power is invested in the Prime Minister to cancel the military exemption of any employer or employee who causes any strike, lock-ont or stoppage without lawful excuse. The onus is on such person to prove justification.

Mr Curtin gave his definition of "unjustified industrial trouble" as "Any hold-up or stoppage detrimental to the war effort, no matter by whom it is caused."

Sardinian Dam Hit

LONDON, Fri.--The biggest aerodrome in Sicily and a power station which is part of the most important hydro-electric plant in Sardinia have been hit in the latest Allied raids in the Mediterranean.

A dam system in Sardinia was attacked by Lightnings and a torrent of water indicated that it may have been breached.

Flying Fortresses which attacked Sicily flew through a 60-mile-an-hour gale, fought off 50 Messerschmitts destroying 3 without loss and went on to smash the drome with many direct hits.

Harbours and dromes in Pantellaria were also attacked, and RAF bombers from the Middle East sank four vessels. Attacks on Italian shipping are particularly important because 80 per cent. of Italy's internal transport is carried out by coastal vessels.

Swedish reports say that only demolition squads now remain in the large towns of Sicily and Sardinia.

LATE NEWS

LONDON, Fri.—RAF bombers were over the Ruhr in great strength last night, delivering another smashing attack on Essen, great German armament production centre. Twenty-three of our planes are missing.

THE FLAG RUNS UP over another conquered city in this striking scene from Desert Victory, British Ministry of Information film on the Libyan campaign, in which Australians are shown in action. It is one of the finest official war films. — D. of I.

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May Pool Private Coal Reserves

SYDNEY, Fri.--A hint that stocks of coal held by any enterprise might be pooled was given by Mr. W. Orr, of the NSW Coal Commission.

He was announcing plans to step-up production and economise on present stocks by getting the nation's householders to save gas and electricity.

Stocks had dropped to danger level and enterprises with large reserves had to understand their stocks were being held in trust only.

Stabbing Alleged

MELBOURNE, Fri.—Called to a house in Ivan-st., Fitzroy, late last night, police found Mrs Mildred Waller, 23, with a knife wound in the stomach. She was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital in a serious condition. The police allege she was attacked during a quarrel.

Norman Edward Waller, RAAF, was charged with having caused grievous bodily harm.

STORK WAS A HERON BUT BABY WAS GENUINE

HOBART, Fri. — A bird that people swore was a stork was seen on the roof of Queen Alexandra Hospital just before a baby was born there.

Naturalists say, however, that the true stork is unknown in Tasmania, and that the bird was probably an outsize heron. With the hospital having a record number of births, perhaps herons are helping out the storks.

3d. Wheat Advance

CANBERRA, Fri. — An advance of 3d a bushel will be made for wheat from No. 5 pool. This wheat was harvested in the 1942-43 season. The advance will cost £2,000,000.

LIBERTY SHIPS like this are to be superseded by bigger, faster Victory Ships in the U.S. contribution to United Nations' freight tonnage, the Chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission (Rear-Admiral Land) announced this week.

NAVAL SHIP LAUNCHED

CANBERRA, Fri. — Another naval vessel was launched at an Australian port yesterday.

LETTER FROM WOMAN OFFERS MURDER CLUE

MELBOURNE, Fri. — Offer of £250 reward for information enabling the arrest of the murderer of Francis John Phelan, taxi-driver, at Prahran, on February 6, has brought a letter from a Prahran woman as the first response.

Giving no name or street address, the woman wrote to the Detective Office that she could tell detectives something that would solve the murder. She asked for an assurance of protection and wanted the police to reply through the press.

The Detective Office assured the woman of protection and asked her to telephone her information to Headquarters or write, or make an appointment with Det. Sgt. McGuffie.

Too Much Water At This Fire!

MELBOURNE, Fri.—Fighting a fire at Jade's boot leather factory, Collingwood, the brigade sent a rush call through to the Board of Works to turn off the water!

The topsy-turvy call was made when a main burst inside the building, hampering the firemen and threatening to flood the place.

TRANSCONTINENTAL BREVITIES

The Manpower Department needs 6500 men for cane cutting in North Queensland. Only labour to cut the cane is needed because mill workers are available. Mills in the far north will begin work on June 2, but crushing will not start until June 9.

A "raw textile bank" for wool and cotton like the "food bank" proposed by the British delegates to the international food conference at Hot Springs, Virginia, is suggested by the Woolgrowers' Council chairman (Mr Abbott, MHR). He urged continuance of the wool purchase scheme for three years after the war.

Impersonated Girl In Matric. Exam

SYDNEY, Fri. — Raymond Campbell Miller was sentenced at Armidale to a month's imprisonment for impersonating Patricia Payne in the matriculating exams at New England University College. Payne was released on a three years' £50 behavior bond.

A suggestion that motorists on the way to the city should give lifts to pedestrians waiting for overcrowded trams and buses has been made to the Victorian Automobile Club by Mr R. A. Rowe, past president.

Conditions in Brisbane's streets had improved greatly in the past 12 months and credit had to be given to the hostels, said the Premier (Mr Cooper), speaking at the annual meeting of the Sailors and Soldiers' Church of England Help Society.

Sowing of standing stubbles in preference to grazing cereals to increase the Mallee's ground cover and carrying capacity is advocated by the Soil Erosion Board. It believes that burning stubble is a main cause of wind erosion.

Profit of £1200 was made by the Tasmanian Government from its potato dehydrating factory, said the Minister for Agriculture (Mr Dalton). The project had been offered to private enterprise, which would not look at it. Now they knew the profits, private companies wanted to cash in.

A conference in Sydney next week will determine the number of women to be withdrawn from retail stores for service in war industry and service auxiliaries.

More than £94,000 has been received in Queensland by the Red Cross Appeal Committee in its appeal for £300,000. Officers of the State Insurance Office raised £10,003, an average of more than £3 a man, in Red Cross Week.

Brisbane is temporarily without first quality hen eggs. Restriction of supplies will continue until 50 per cent. of army requirements are met.

Allocation of £1,000,000 for a five-years' campaign against VD was urged by a deputation in Melbourne bourne from the Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Fathers' Association to the Health Minister (Mr Holloway). It was also suggested that clinics should be subsidised at all public hospitals in Australia in collaboration with the States.

Mr. E. J. Holloway

The Commonwealth Gazette discloses that at the end of March Australia's debt amounted to £1,950,000,000.

Mr R. C. Curnow, farmer, of Heidelberg, was selected as UAP candidate from five nominations to oppose the War Organisation Minister (Mr Cedman) for Corio at the Federal election.

In the 12 months to April 30, motor vehicles in Queensland increased from 112,403 to 114,471. Increase for April was 348.

More than 100 people in urgent need of medical attention were on the waiting list at a Sydney hospital yesterday. To determine their claim on beds as these became available it had become necessary to grade them according to the period they could be expected to live without attention.

An army hostel with beds for at least 400 men is being prepared at Craig's Building (Melb.). Double-decker beds on several floors will be a feature. The work will take about six weeks.

More than 550,000 tyres and 1643 tons of miscellaneous rubber have been collected in Australia. Many thousands of tyres have been sent to States where treatment plants are available.

Questionnaires have been sent to 650 owners and drivers of taxis and 700 bookmakers in Brisbane in a manpower check-up with a view to placing them in more essential occupations.

With their two children, the U.S. Minister to Australia (Mr Johnson) and Mrs Johnson visited Sherbrooke Forest (Vic.) and spent several hours listening to lyre birds and trying to get photographs.

When Miss Pat Gough, 21, of Brighton (Melbourne), fell from the platform at Ripponlea station, the leading carriage of an electric train passed over her. She escaped with abrasions and shock.

Enthusiasm and resource of Tasmania's munition workers was praised at a Hobart Rotary lunch by Mr K. Brodribb, overseas procurement officer to the Munitions Ministry. Where tools had been unprocurable, foremen had made them, and their improvisation had been remarkable.

TUBELESS TYRE PROVED IN TESTS

MELBOURNE, Fri.—A tubeless tyre developed from an American idea by the chairman of Yellow Cabs Ltd. (Mr M. Shmith) has been a success in tests. Many taxis in Melbourne and Sydney have been equipped with them.

Mr Shmith said today he had used a tyre cover and little else. A steel valve was fastened to the wheel rim, which was smoothed off. The tyre was then fitted and inflated, becoming airtight at a pressure of 10 to 12 lbs.

4 FLIERS KILLED

SYDNEY, Fri. — When an RAAF plane crashed off the NSW coast, WO I. B. Watson, 34, of South Perth; Sgt. G. W. Parker, 24, of Perth, and Sgt. J. Evans, 24, of Kalamunda, were killed.

LAC C. A. Campbell, of Jambin, Q., was killed when an RAAF plane crashed during training.

LAW'S LONG SIGHT

MELBOURNE, Fri. — Proving the law has keen eyes as well as a long arm, a man wanted for causing a disturbance at Victoria Park station in 1929 was arrested yesterday by Det. Holland of the CIB Consorting Squad, who recognised him from a photograph.

Hungry Cafe Queues Wait On Love's Feast

MELBOURNE, Fri.--Love-happy young couples who stay on at tables whispering and looking into each other's eyes are among those to blame for the long queues at city cafes, according to proprietors.

The manageress of the Wentworth Cafe, Collins-st., said a watch was kept on her tables for "loafing" couples and any detected were rebuked.

Other customers take too much time over meals by smoking, telling stories, arguing about the war, discussing domestic troubles and studying horse form.

HOLIDAY, BUT. . .

CANBERRA, Friday. — June 7, the King's birthday, will be a public holiday, but Federal Ministers have the power to order employees controlled by their departments to work on that day.

Time Calls Grow

MELBOURNE, Fri. — In one morning this week the Postal Department rang 480 people to wake them for work, the highest number this year. The increase is attributed to a shortage of alarm clocks and an increase in shift work.

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Reported Advance By Kuban Russians

LONDON, Fri.--Several Russian divisions have broken through the German defence positions in the Kuban, close to the Kerch Straits, states the German News Agency.

This is the second German admission of a withdrawal within two days. Yesterday Berlin Radio said there had been a "temporary withdrawal" SW of Velikie Luki.

In each case Moscow has remained silent. Moscow Radio, in fact, predicts a big German drive at any time, and says the Russians will make mass counter-attacks.

Bitter air battles have been fought in the Kuban. The Germans lost 64 planes in a day—48 to Soviet fighters and 16 to ack-ack fire. A German garrison was wiped out on the Kalinin front and another on the Finnish front.

M. Stalin has handed Mr Joseph Davies, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, a large sealed envelope addressed to the President.

This letter is in reply to the one Mr Davies delivered to M. Stalin on his arrival at Moscow.

Mr Davies said he believed the entire contents of President Roosevelt's letter was agreeable to M. Stalin. He would return to the U.S. at once.

DESTROYERS OF BIG DAM DECORATED

LONDON, Fri.—Wing-Commander G. P. Gibson, DSO and bar, DFC and bar, who led the RAF attack on the Mohne dam in the Ruhr, has been awarded the VC. Thirty-three airmen who took part in the raid received decorations.

After Wing-Commander Gibson had dropped his mines, he flew up and down, drawing the enemy's fierce ack-ack fire. The Lancasters went down to 100ft. to press home the attacks. Eight of the 19 planes in the raid did not return.

Included in the Australians decorated was F/Lt A. J. Shannon, of Bridgewater (SA), who received the DSO on his 21st birthday. The citations described the raid as one of great difficulty, requiring a high degree of courage, skill and close co-operation between Wing-Commander Gibson and the crews of the other bombers.

ALLEGED BIAS IN SWEDEN TOWARD NAZIS

LONDON, Fri. — Spurred by British protests, the Swedish Government is investigating regulations which permit German planes to take off after forced landings but intern planes and crews of other foreign powers.

The regulations were drafted by a Swedish officer in 1941, and it is alleged that they have been misinterpreted in Germany's favour.

Recently the question of the passage of German troops through Swedish territory was raised in the British Parliament.

SIKORSKI IN M.E.

LONDON, Fri.—General Sikorski, Polish Prime Minister, has arrived in Cairo by air. He will inspect the Polish forces in the Middle East. General Sikorski has had talks with the former Polish Ambassador to Russia.

Sink Nazi Trawler

LONDON, Fri.—British light naval forces attacked four heavily-armed trawlers near the Dutch coast. Three trawlers escaped into the darkness, but one was sunk.

Sport: AHTO TIPPED AT BRISBANE

BRISBANE, Friday.—Ahto, who defeated Valley Corner a fortnight ago, should win the First Division Handicap at Albion Park tomorrow.

Ahto has gone up 9lb., but this should not stop him. Wish On might be the danger.

Don Duck won two races in succession a few weeks ago and will probably start favorite in the Second Division Handicap. Like Ahto, he beat Valley Corner into second place after Valley Corner had led most of the way.

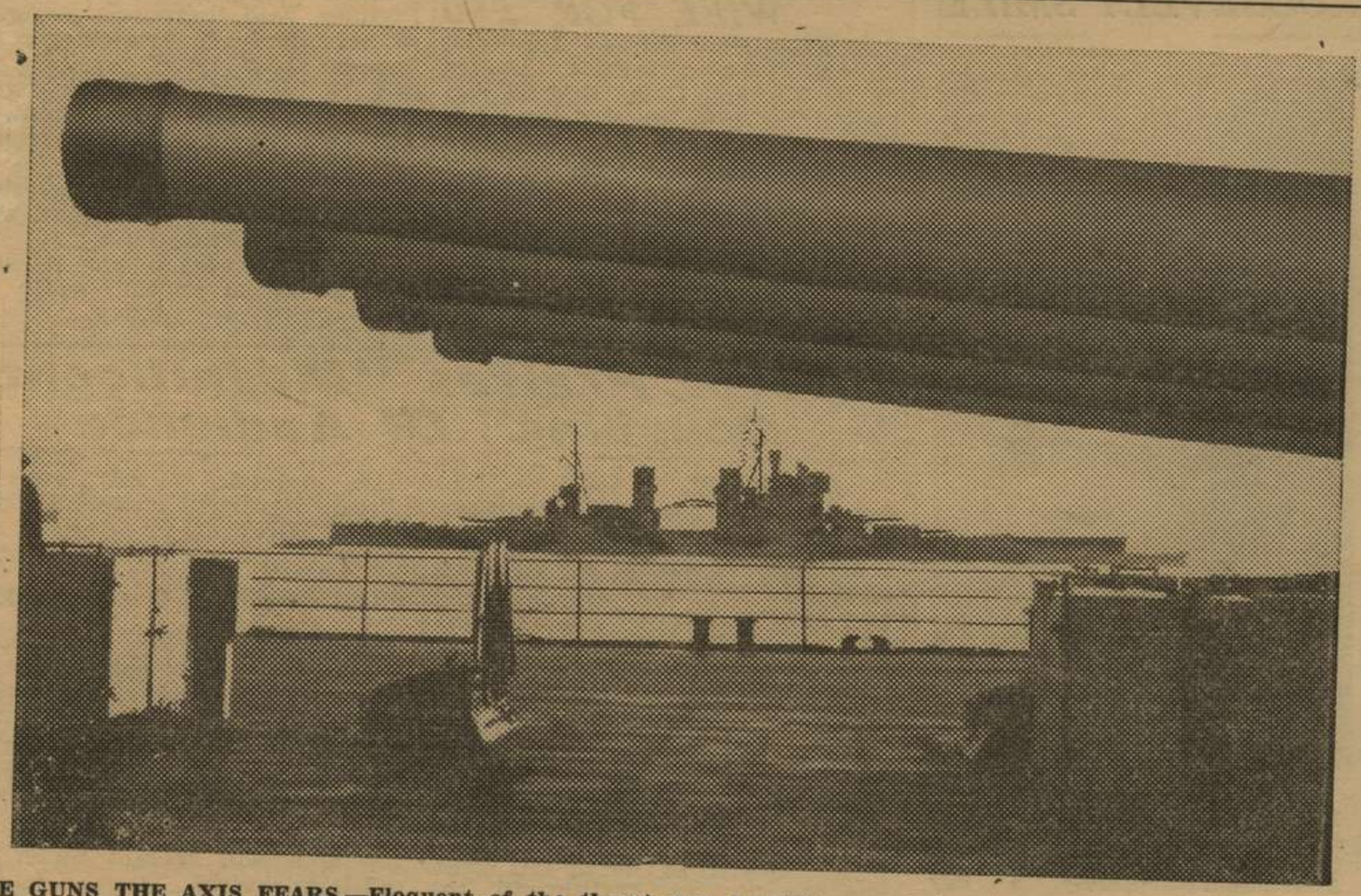
Don Duck is one of the most promising horses in Queensland. Old Sport, from Sydney, may test him, but Don Duck is expected to win again.

Selections:—First Division: Ahto 1, Wish On 2, Blazing 3. Second Division: Don Duck 1, Old Sport 2, Harvest 3. Third Division: Shyness 1, Roderick 2, Golden Golly 3.

BRIGHTELLO OUT TODAY

MELBOURNE, Friday.—Brightello, one of Victoria's best steeplechasers, was one of four horses that had to be ballotted out of the steeple at Moonee Valley tomorrow because of the number entered.

His owner was unlucky. He had also accepted with Bright Court, but two in the same ownership are not allowed and Bright Court's entry was rejected before the ballot. When the ballot took place, Brightello was the first horse ballotted out.



THE GUNS THE AXIS FEARS.—Eloquent of the threat now hanging over Axis dispositions along the Mediterranean are these big guns of a British battleship, with another battleship—King George V.—in the background. Berlin reports state that several battleships and a large aggregation of warships and transports have been observed at Gibraltar.—D. of I.

Hobart Hat-trick Chance

HOBART, Friday.—Superlative, who beat the best sprinters in Tasmania at his last start, may win his third race in succession at Hobart Turf Club's meeting at Elwick tomorrow. His two wins have been over six furlongs, but he should have no difficulty in running out the mile. At his last start he came from last to first and won running away. Princess Thaura may finish second.

Raceless Days To Stay

MELBOURNE, Friday.—A Government spokesman said today that the Prime Minister (Mr Curtin) had no intention of restoring raceless Saturdays. When they began it was also said there would be no other organised sport on the first Saturday of the month, but big football games are held and racing folk are wondering why this is allowed, when their sport is banned, says Cardigan, of the Herald.

S.A. Football, Cycling

ADELAIDE, Friday.—Port Torrens meets West Glenelg at Alberton in what should be tomorrow's best League football game. Sturt South meets Norwood on North Adelaide oval.

The season's first State amateur cycling championship will be staged at Edwardstown by Sturt District club and the Amateur Cyclists' Union. Fastest time in two unpaced events will decide the winner.

Points Verdict Hooted

SYDNEY, Friday.—A points decision to Tommy Colteaux (11.5¾) against George Cook (11.0) at Leichhardt last night was vigorously hooted. Cook was cheered as he left the ring. A better boxer, he stopped Colteaux's rushes in early rounds.

SPORT GOSSIP

Told in his youth he would never walk again, Ray Kurtz scored six goals for St. George hockey team against Mosman B in Sydney.

"Lofty" Bromfield, N.Z. wrestling champion, has arrived in Sydney and will wrestle at Leichhardt Stadium. Recently he was discharged from the N.Z. Army after three years' service because of varicose veins in the legs, but these have responded to treatment. He served in Greece and Crete.

Russ Kelly, former captain of Western Suburbs (Sydney) Rugby Union team, has been repatriated after being a prisoner of war in Italy for two years.

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MASSING JAPS A THREAT TO CHUNGKING

SAN FRANCISCO, Friday.—Tension has increased in Chungking as the Japanese move up reinforcements in the Ichang area.

The looming battle is likely to determine whether the Chinese can stave off the threat to their war-time capital, 300 miles away. A Chinese spokesman said: "We shall drive the Japanese back."

The Jap force is about 80,000 strong, supported by 200 planes.

Observers say it is as yet too early to determine whether the Jap drive is a major offensive.

NAMES OF 3000 POW IN MALAYA

CANBERRA, Fri. — The names of more than 3000 Australian prisoners of war in Malaya have been announced by the Assistant Minister for the Army (Sen. Fraser).

The list was received from Japan through the International Red Cross. This brings the number of names received in recent months to more than 5000. Only 1700 names were announced in the previous year.

Sen. Fraser had a personal interest in the news. Recently he was informed that one of his sons was a prisoner of war in Malaya.

Flood-Waters Advancing On Lachlan Towns

SYDNEY, Friday--Condobolin, Euabalong and other towns west of Forbes are preparing for floods as a large volume of water moves down the Lachlan after the recent downpours.

There is still flooding at Forbes and in parts of the Burragorang Valley, but the level at Forbes is slowly falling.

Rain on the coastal areas was the heaviest since 1928. The South Coast catchment area benefited particularly, Robertson receiving 4110 pts. in a fortnight.

Falls for the past week throughout the State included: Turramurra 1089 pts., Homebush 520, Temora 640, Koorawatha 265, Uralla 107, Taralga 717, Araluen 996, Murrurundi 183, Bulahdelah 1107, Byron Bay 463, Canowindra 115, Gilgandra 128, Bega 137, Berry 1022.

Gen. MacArthur Lauds His Men

CANBERRA, Fri. — A tribute to the men under his command was paid by the C-in-C of the SW Pacific Area (Gen. MacArthur), commenting on the knighthood conferred on him by the King.

General MacArthur said: "My gratification and pride are only increased by the realisation that although it is quite beyond anything my personal effort has warranted, it truly reflects the courage, skill, devotion and sacrifice of my comrades-in-arms of the Australian, American, Dutch and other forces which it is my fortune to command.

"It is they who with God's help, have earned and won it, and it is to be my high honour to symbolise their victory and success."

£11,000 BRISBANE FIRE

BRISBANE, Fri. — Damage estimated at £11,000 was caused by a fire in a tailoring work room in Elizabeth-street, Brisbane, last night.

Von Arnim Half Australian

WELLINGTON (NZ), Friday.—General von Arnim, commander of the Axis forces in Tunisia, had an Australian mother and has relatives in NZ.

His relatives are not pleased that they are related to the Nazi leader but they are proud of the literary association.

Gen. von Arnim's mother was Mary Annette Beauchamp, daughter of Henry Beauchamp, of Kirribilli, Sydney. She married Count von Arnim, and, after his death, Earl Russell.

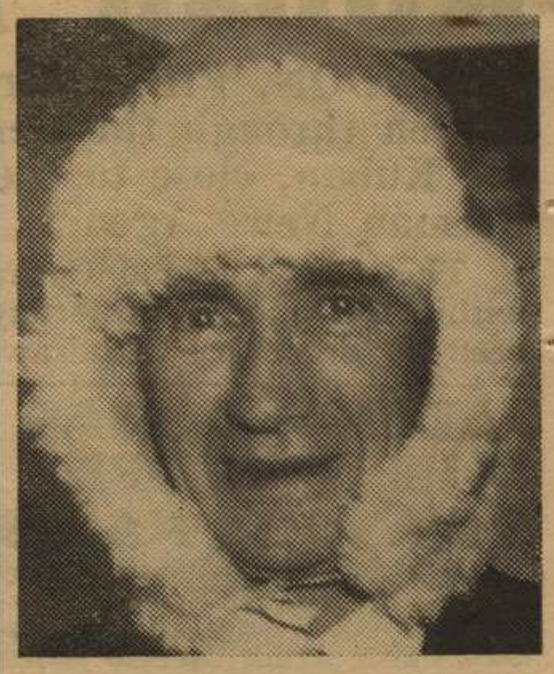
She wrote "Elizabeth and Her German Garden."

DENIES BOUGHT WIFE FOR £50

ADELAIDE, Fri. — Dimitrios Svircas, tobacco farmer, denied in the Supreme Court that he had bought his wife for £50 from her foster father and that she had been photographed crying and turning away from him during the wedding ceremony.

He is seeking damages from Nicola Semcheff, neighbouring tobacco farmer, alleging that Semcheff enticed his wife to leave home and live with Semcheff and his wife.

A "KANGAROO" IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING



WEARING a presentation sheepskin cloak — Australia's former Minister to Moscow (Mr Slater) in this picture unconsciously mixes the metaphor of the Nazi radio scoffer who said, "It's bad luck the kangaroo should have a Polish sheep in its pouch," referring to Australia's action in representing Polish interests in Russia. The gibe was directed at Mr Slater evidently in ignorance of the fact that he is returning ill to Australia.

SAYS GRAVE OPENED IN NORVAL PROBE

BRISBANE, Fri. — A police officer was in Sydney investigating Miss Norval's disappearance, the Police Commissioner (Mr C. J. Carroll) revealed at the Norval inquiry.

He declared he had never called off any detective from investigating James East, a previous witness. Investigations since the inquiry opened had included the opening of a grave.

Mr W. Forgan Smith, former Premier, said there was no truth in Miss Norval's statements to friends about making a trip for him or his wife or doing detective work for the Department.

Joseph Broadbent, Parliamentary draftsman, described as a wicked, cruel lie the suggestion that he had been in hospital with delirium tremens.

Mr Barnes, MLA, has received a subpoena to appear again at the inquiry on Monday.

TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT AIMS TO DISLODGE JAPS ON ATTU

WASHINGTON, Friday.—After two days' fighting, U.S. troops have driven the Japanese back beyond high ground and are within three miles of an important harbour on Attu Island (Aleutians).

Every building in this area was destroyed by a terrific bombardment from U.S. warships lasting two days. The remaining Jap forces, entrenched on a ridge, are under continual bombardment from artillery, bombers and fighters.

Warhawks have bombed the main camp on Kiska, the biggest Jap base in the Aleutians. Hits were scored on gun emplacements and installations.

U.S. casualties on Attu Island have been comparatively light, says the Secretary for War (Mr Stimson)—127 killed, 329 wounded and 118 missing.

U.S. casualties in Tunisia from November 8 to May 15 were 2184 killed, 9437 wounded and 6937 missing. Axis casualties were 30,000 killed, 26,400 wounded and 266,000 prisoners. The total Allied casualties were less than 60,000.

6000 Volt Shock

ADELAIDE, Fri. — Trying to save the life of Clement Francis, 38, electrician foreman, after he had received a 6000-volt shock at Victoria Park sub-station yesterday, relays of his mates worked a rocking stretcher at Belmont Hospital. Francis was placed later in an iron lung, but died this morning.

ROOSEVELT SMILE

THIS MAN IS PRESIDENT—not of the USA—but of Canterbury (Sydney) Parents and Citizens' Association. "Hardly a day passes," he says, "without somebody mentioning my resemblance to President Roosevelt." — Sun, Sydney.

Actor Praises "Magnificent Coughing" Of Audience

BRISBANE, Friday. — "You have applauded politely, laughed heartily and coughed magnificently," said hardened trouper Edwin Styles in a curtain speech after "Robert's Wife."

The city is having an epidemic of coughs and colds and chemists are busy selling lotions, lozenges and patent mixtures.

Styles said that when he retired he would return to Brisbane and make a fortune with a cough mixture factory.

FLIER'S WIFE DIES

ADELAIDE, Friday.—The wife of S/L R. W. Bungey, DFC, died in a private hospital at Glenelg last night. She was 24. An English girl, she left a son, born after she arrived from England last year. S/L Bungey returned from active service only a few weeks ago.

Planters To Resume

CANBERRA, Fri. — A board will be set up to reorganise the production of rubber, copra and other war needs in Papua. The position has improved but it is not possible for planters to revert to their ordinary activities. They will return to their estates but the area will remain under full military control.

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Nazis, Japs Get Jittery As Invasion Fear Grips Italy

LONDON, Thurs.--As the fury of the Allied air attack mounts in the Mediterranean, "invasion" hysteria is spreading in Italy, and even Berlin and Japan are affected by this new war of nerves.

While Rome Radio is repeatedly denying widespread rumours that an Allied convoy is approaching Sicily, Berlin Radio has announced that a big Allied convoy has passed Gibraltar, sailing east.

In Japan, the former Home Minister has warned the people that an "unprecedented situation" will face them shortly.

Berlin states that the Allied convoy includes a 50,000-ton liner laden with troops and war equipment.

Mussolini has ordered all strikers to go back to work. This is the first indication that strikes have occurred.

The Italians certainly have plenty to worry about. Stiffer enemy resistance did not prevent nearly 400 Allied planes, mainly U.S., from bombing Sicily, Sardinia, Pantellaria and the W coast of Greece yesterday. In 24 hours, 31 enemy planes were destroyed for the loss of 11.

Four seaplanes were set on fire at a base on the Greek coast, and many more damaged. Petrol installations were also left blazing. On their way home, the Allied bombers set fire to an enemy schooner and other small craft in the Aegean Sea.

At Messina (Sicily), Liberators alone unloaded 175 tons of bombs, blasting docks and railways and causing great destruction. Most of the bombs hit military objectives, including power stations, docks, ammunition dumps, the seaplane base, and a naval oil depot.

Islands Battered

Pantellaria was attacked four times, and harbours in Sicily and communications in Sardinia were attacked again in what has developed into a ceaseless battering of all Axis islands off the Italian coast.

Rome Radio admits heavy damage at Messina, but claims that Italian torpedo-carrying planes sank two ships in an Allied convoy.

In Japan, the Foreign Minister has presented a report on the situation in Europe to the Emperor.

U.S. GENERALS KNIGHTED

GEN. EISENHOWER

GEN. MacARTHUR

CANBERRA, Thursday.—Knighthoods have been conferred on Gen. MacArthur, C.-in-C., S.W. Pacific area, and Gen. Eisenhower, Allied C.-in-C. in N. Africa.

They have become Honorary Members of the Military Division of the First Class Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

As both are Americans it is unlikely that either will use the title. In the last war, Gen| Pershing, Commander of the U.S. Forces in Europe, was knighted, but did not use his title.

The Order of the Bath is one of the most coveted British honours. The knighthoods were awarded for "most valuable services in command of troops of the Allied nations."

Moved Forces

Gen. MacArthur's citation states that he was appointed C-in-C at a critical stage of Japan's southward advance. On the return of AIF divisions from the Middle East and the arrival of U.S. troops, Gen. MacArthur re-disposed the forces available to defend the eastern part of the Commonwealth from the Owen Stanley Range in New Guinea.

The citation states that the victory in New Guinea was due to the use of air transport in overcoming difficulties of terrain and to the offensive and defensive use of air power in co-operation with land forces.

In addition to the successful direction of operations, Gen. MacArthur had shown inspiring leadership.

BIGGEST BAD-WEATHER RAID ON DUSSELDORF

LONDON, Thurs.--Two nights after devastating Dortmund, a strong force of RAF bombers flew through bad weather to drop 1500 tons of bombs on Dusseldorf, important German railway junction and factory city.

It was the second heaviest raid of the war and the biggest bad-weather raid.

Despite the weather only 27 bombers are missing. The raid is reported to have proved the great advance made in navigation.

Five 4000lb. bombs were dropped every minute. The bombs included 8000-pounders and tens of thousands of incendiaries.

The weather hampered the defenders. Many night fighters came up, however, and three were shot down.

Australian airmen formed the crews of two squadrons of Lancasters and one Wellington squadron.

It was the RAF's 52nd raid on Dusseldorf, one of Germany's greatest arms centres and its third biggest inland port. Three hundred and eighty acres were devastated by the last raid there, in January.

In a fortnight, 2000 tons of bombs have fallen on both Dortmund and Dusseldorf and 1500 tons on Duisberg. They are within 50 miles of each other.

"24-HOUR SERVICE"

LONDON, Thurs. — Evidently the RAF's dream of "a 24-hour bombing service," referred to yesterday by Mr Churchill, is approaching reality. A large force of United Nations' bombers crossed the British coast towards France yesterday afternoon. As yet there are no details of the raid.

1000 Bombers Made Sunday's Raid

LONDON, Thurs.—A 1000-bomber force made Sunday night's raid on Dortmund, it is revealed.

HALT JAP DRIVE

LONDON, Thurs.—The Chinese have halted the triple Japanese drive aimed at Chungking, and have captured a strategic point in the Ichang area.

Military observers term the offensive as the heaviest in six years. The Japs admit heavy casualties.

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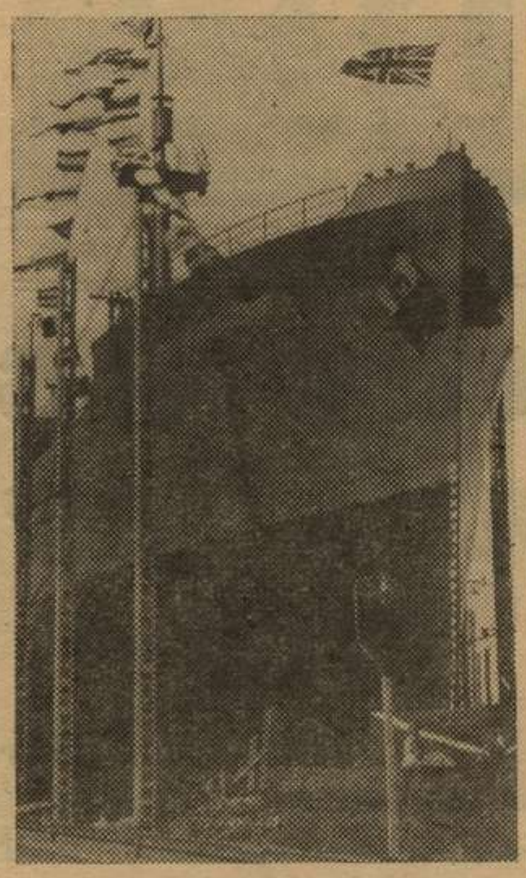

8000-TON FREIGHTER, built at an Australian shipyard under the Federal merchant shipbuilding programme, is launched by Lady Gowrie.—Sun Pic.

Profiteering In Fruit Reported

BRISBANE, Thurs.--Increases of from 100 p.c. to 300 p.c. in gross profits of fruit and vegetable retailers compared with 1939 are revealed in a report to the Premier by the Government Statistician (Mr. C. Clark).

BIG DROP IN TOBACCO CROP

MELBOURNE, Thurs. — Compared with 1100 tons last year, only 600 tons of new season's tobacco leaf, harvested from 1500 acres in Victoria, will be submitted at the 1943 appraisements in Melbourne on June 14, in spite of Government efforts for more production.

One reason for the drop was a shortage of seedlings caused by blue mould on open beds, due to inability of growers to obtain benzol.

CONVALESCENTS' BUS

MELBOURNE, Thurs. — Given by residents of Tatyoon and Mininera East, the first sight-seeing bus operated by the Victorian Red Cross is on the road.

Even with apples, oranges and pears, profits from which were fixed by regulation, it was found in 95 out of 125 test purchases by the department that the regulations had been disobeyed.

The report has gone to the Price Fixing Committee. The Premier (Mr Cooper) has given no indication of the action he will take. The State attitude seems to be that no breach of State regulations has occurred and that the Commonwealth must take action. The report will probably be considered by the Federal Government.

A report on wholesale prices will be made later.

WAR ON FEVERS

CANBERRA, Thurs.—Comomnwealth and State authorities are meeting in Canberra to discuss plans for fighting dengue fever, T.B., malaria and other diseases.

WARDER DENIES HANGOVER NAP IN GAOL CELL

HOBART, Thurs. — Leonard Molloy, warder at Hobart gaol, denied at the inquiry into the gaol administration that he had suffered a hangover one morning on duty after a Returned Soldiers' function.

A prisoner had given evidence that Molloy had to lie down in the cell of George William Payne. Molloy denied this.

Planned Party On Stolen Keg

MELBOURNE, Thurs. — Plans for a party on a stolen barrel of beer fell through when three youths, aged 15, 19 and 21, were caught after a chase through Sandringham streets by police and wireless patrolmen.

They were charged with illegal use of a car and the theft of the beer (recovered intact), a rug and 20 gals. of kerosene. They told the police they had arranged a party at a house in Albert Park.

STORY OF MLA's PUBLICITY IDEAS

BRISBANE, Thurs.—An allegation that Mr Barnes, MLA, had said that the only way he could get publicity in the newspapers was to say something sensational was made by Reginald Basil McAllister, Assistant Under-Secretary to the Premier, at the Norval inquiry.

Referring to statements by Barnes that McAllister was to go to England in July, McAllister admitted that a proposal that Mr E. A. Ferguson, official secretary of the Agent-General's office in London, and he should exchange positions for two years was awaiting the Government's approval.

The proposal had come from Ferguson, who wished to return to Queensland for family reasons.

Process Gives Fresh Milk In Tropics

PERTH, Thurs. — Research by Mr A. E. Hughes, of WA, will make fresh milk, butter and ice cream available to servicemen in tropical and sub-tropical areas, and also to outback residents.

He has developed a process to produce dry butter fat and milk powder and a small plant to reconvert them to milk, butter and ice cream of standard quality. He is now in Perth to double the size of the plant.

TRANSCONTINENTAL BREVITIES

Tasmania's first two train conductresses began duty at Launceston this week. They are Misses Eileen O'Toole and Shirley Smith. Miss O'Toole formerly worked on a buffet car. The girls wear black uniforms of tailored skirts and belted tunics with silver buttons and blue shirts and ties.

In the first 24 days of May, 25 people were killed in road accidents in NSW.

Mr R. H. L. Peterson, leading Brisbane legal identity and active charity worker, died at his home in Hamilton. He was a returned soldier from the last war.

In the Supreme Court at Burnie (Tas.), Alan Ashdown Brumby was awarded £1000 damages in a claim for £2000 for injuries received in a collision at Stanley last year between his bicycle and a motor lorry owned by Fenton and driven by Herbert Saville.

Public apathy about civil defence in WA was deplored by the ARP Minister (Mr Pinton) and the Chief ARP Warden (Mr Wilkinson). They said the organisations were still keen, but many householders lacked the spirit of a year ago.

In a collision between a tram and a car at Inglewood (WA), Henry Taylor, soldier, was killed. Two other soldiers in the car were injured.

Active worker for returned soldiers, Mr Albert Robinson, MLA, has died in Adelaide, aged 66.

The DFC has been awarded to P/O Lance Howard, of Subiaco (WA), who took part in the raid on the Ruhr dams. He is a son of Tim Howard, former WA stonewall batsman.

A new £50,000 technical school was opened at Box Hill (Vic.) by the Education Minister (Mr Lind). The school is notable for its expansive windows and natural lighting.

Perth manpower and ARP authorities decided that most women doing intricate ARP communications or control centre work would not be enlisted into service auxiliaries.

To ease the coal crisis in Victoria, the State president of the Miners' Federation (Mr Williams) urged that 300 men be drafted from non-essential industries to man Victorian mines fully. This would add 2500 tons to supplies, he said.

Addressing the annual conference of the Catholic Women's Guild in Melbourne, Archbishop Mannix paid a tribute to the bravery of Sister Savage in the torpedoing of the Centaur. She might be taken as their patron saint, he said. Her bravery reflected credit on the services and Christianity.

CENTAUR SPIRIT

PERTH, Thursday. — Ration coupons returned in Norseman district will be displayed in the town around a photo of the hospital ship Centaur. The idea was suggested by Norseman branch of the Anti - Fascist League.

Jumping from a wood truck as it collided with a car on Goulburn Valley Highway near Shepparton (Vic.), Samuel John Scott, 38, former well-known Shepparton boxer, was killed. No one else was hurt seriously.

Figures just released show that the average individual wartime expenditure on food in Adelaide is 12/10 a week. Average weekly food bill varies from 9/5 for pensioners to 17/ throughout the higher income group.

Taking a fit as she stood on Artarmon (Sydney) station Miss Ivy Nunn 21, of Willoughby Avenue, Chelmsford, fell in front of an electric train. Both her feet were cut off. She died in hospital.

Protest meetings will be held in NSW railway workshops against the Department's proposal to impose fines for absenteeism.

Richard Harold Farmer, Perth tally clerk, who was rejected for military duties because of a weak heart, collapsed and died on his way to work yesterday.

Brisbane Industrial Court will be asked by the United Graziers' Association to define wages and conditions for women working in shearing sheds, as a wartime measure only.

Races held at Thuraggie Station, St. George, Q., and a ball in the shire hall at night, raised more than £450 for the Red Cross.

Geelong (Vic.) lost a leading personality with the death of Mr Edward Bechervaise, aged 88. For many years he was Harbour Trust Commissioner and Chamber of Commerce secretary.

So many women have applied for jobs as tram cleaners and greasers in Brisbane that officials expect to appoint the first 22 soon.

To meet urgent demands for men for high priority war industries, withdrawal of 7500 men from unprotected industries would begin immediately, said the NSW Manpower Director (Mr Bellemore). He suggested women could replace the men.

GUNN'S GULLY — — Not Guilty

Gunn's Gully strip by courtesy of The Herald, Melbourne.

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VELIKIE LUKI BATTLE

Berlin Admits A Withdrawal

LONDON, Thurs.--Berlin Radio admits what it calls a "temporary withdrawal" from its defence lines SW of Velikie Luki, between Moscow and Leningrad.

Earlier in the week Berlin had reported a big Russian counter-attack on this sector, but Moscow has not referred to it.

The Red Air Force continues to hammer German communications, mainly on the Smolensk front, but land fighting is still only on a small scale, according to Moscow.

The Russians announce intense activity around Novorossisk, the Black Sea naval base, claiming heavy Nazi losses when Russian troops repulsed the enemy along the Donetz River line.

German planes which tried to make a mass air-raid on Russian troops NE of Novorossisk were scattered by Soviet fighters. Nearly 70 German planes were shot down during the day for the loss of 20.

General Killed

The German Air Force general who directed the successful attack on Tobruk last year has been killed in Russia. Twenty-five Rumanian generals have also died there.

Commenting on the first anniversary of the Anglo-Soviet Alliance, Pravda, the Moscow newspaper, states hard blows now being prepared would put Germany between two fires.

M. VLASOV, Russian Minister to Australia, who in a message on Wednesday marking the first anniversary of the Anglo-Soviet Pact, said it meant closer co-operation between the two countries after the war as well as during the conflict.

Salute Soviet Spokesman With Clenched Fists

SYDNEY, Thurs.—Men and w omen in an audience of 3000 rose and gave the clenched fist salut e to M. Zaitsev, spokesman for the Soviet Legation, at a Town Hal l celebration of the anniversary of the Anglo-Soviet pact.

"We are on the eve of a decisive battle in Europe against Hitlerite Germany," said M. Zaitsev.

The alliance between Britain and Russia made victory over Germany a reality. They were sure it was not a long way off.

Eligible For Homes

ADELAIDE, Thurs. — Returned soldiers, war widows, or wives of soldiers on active service who could be employed in munition factories and had families, could apply for tenancy of unallotted houses built by the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust.

This was the reply of the War Organisation Minister (Mr Dedman) to a question by the Premier (Mr Playford).

2,000,000th DINNER

SYDNEY, Thurs.—The Anzac Buffet's 2,000,000th dinner was received by A. W. Wemyss, of Brisbane. He was presented with a fountain pen as a memento.

BIG POTASH PLANT

PERTH, Thurs. — A large State plant to extract potash from alunite will soon be producing a large part of Australia's potash requirements, imported before the war. Potash is largely used as a fertiliser.

STAMP SALES TO AID CHILDREN

AUCKLAND (NZ), Thurs. — NZ will issue triangular stamps in October for the first time. Surplus money from their sale will provide a fund for children suffering from malnutrition.

The stamps will cost 1½d., including ½d. for health expenditure, and 3d., including 1d. for the health fund. A photograph of Princess Margaret Rose will appear on the cheaper stamp and one of Princess Elizabeth on the other.

Headache For Tojo

LONDON, Thurs. — Australian members of Parliament visiting Britain are impressed by shipbuilding activity on the Clyde in Scotland. After they had passed through miles of shipyards, Mr J. Guy, of Tasmania, said "What we have seen during our tour of Britain would give Hitler and Tojo a headache."

SEA BATTLE ON NEAR ALEUTIANS, SAY JAPS

WASHINGTON, Thurs.—A naval battle is in progress near the Aleutian Islands, states a Japanese naval spokesman on Tokio Radio. There is no confirmation from other sources.

Japanese planes attacked a U.S. auxiliary vessel S. of the Cristobal Islands. The vessel was sunk by U.S. Navy units after the crew had been taken off.

Ammunition dumps were blown up and large fires started when American planes bombed Rekata Bay on Santa Isabel Island.

One of the three pockets of Japanese resistance on Attu Island (Aleutians) has been wiped out by U.S. troops, and both sides of a valley cleared. Liberators, Mitchells and Lightnings are supporting the attacks.

£15,000 FOR MALTA

LONDON, Thurs.—The Australian Red Cross Society has given £15,000 to provide supplies and food for the people of Malta.

SEVERING S.P. COMMUNICATIONS

MELBOURNE, Thurs.—Between 70 and 80 telephones used for SP betting have been detected by gaming police since February, when addresses of silent operators were made available by the PMG. More than £1500 in fines has been imposed.

NO EARLY ELECTION

CANBERRA, Thurs.—Answering a question, the Prime Minister (Mr Curtin) said he was not preparing for a Federal election in August.

An election was due before November, but he was not making any plans for it. In Adelaide, the Army Minister (Mr Forde) said the Government was too busy gearing Australia to a 100 p.c. war effort to worry about elections.

Sport: *Boxers Counted Out*

ADELAIDE, Thursday.—The much-billed fight between Alabama Kid and Jack McNamee at the Stadium last night was a fiasco. The referee refused a decision and the crowd counted the pair out.

The referee repeatedly cautioned the pair as the fight dragged on without any hard punching. First severe punch came in the 11th, when one to the jaw felled McNamee.

The Kid, however, was holding off so obviously that the referee stopped the fight.

Veteran Back on Track

MELBOURNE, Thurs.—With old horses a drug on the market, track watchers at Caulfield were astonished to see John Wilkes appear on the track. The old gelding is rising nine and has been off the scene for some time.

He looks well, but it is unlikely that he will ever return to the form which allowed him as a three-year-old to win the Williamstown Cup and dead-heat for first in the AJC St. Leger. He afterwards won the Bagot Handicap, but has been unsound for a long time.

Trainer's Great Season

MELBOURNE, Thurs.—Trainer Lou Robertson has had a great season in Melbourne, horses from his stable having won £16,202. Much of it has been won by his two-year-olds.

Robertson (photo) likes young horses and his team for the coming season includes 11 yearlings. Star of the team is the 1750 gns. colt by Golden Sovereign from Jenny's Bag who topped the sales in Sydney. He is owned by A. H. Griffiths, who owns Lawrence, the promising two-year-old.

Another nice yearling is a full sister to Simmering. She is not as big as the Sires' Produce Stakes winner, but is sure to gallop well. Another interesting youngster is a half-sister by Caithness to The Trump.

BLOOD-PLANES SAVE MANY LIVES

LONDON, Thurs.—It has been revealed that many lives were saved in the Tunisian campaign by using planes to bring up blood transfusions. Some doctors carried on although badly wounded. Wounded were brought back through mountainous country on mules, jeeps and Bren carriers. Often stretcher bearers were under fire for miles.

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BMA Votes 8-1 Against Nationalised Medical Service

CANBERRA, Thurs.--Eight of every nine members of the British Medical Association had voted against nationalisation of the medical profession, said the General Secretary of the Federal Council (Dr. John Hunter).

Dr. Hunter, who was giving evidence before the Parliamentary Committee on Social Security, said they opposed any drastic change in medical services during the war or for a year after it.

A change would be unfair to many members serving with the forces.

Most doctors realised that high incomes would fall considerably after the war, but they did not support a salaried service, he added.

He thought there would be opposition from the profession if any restrictions were imposed on practitioners' civil rights.

Dr. Hunter urged that more doctors be made available for civilian practice now as graduates were going straight into the services.

NAHAS PASHA, Prime Minister of Egypt, who headed a fund subscribed by leading Egyptians in recognition of the British victory at El Alamein. On Tuesday night (states a cable message) the Alamein Club for servicemen, financed by this fund, was opened in Cairo, in the presence of Nahas Pasha, the GOC, ME (Gen. Wilson) and the British Ambassador.

Depleted Pack

LONDON, Thurs. — Only four of 10 German U-boats which left a Norwegian base returned from a hunt for Allied shipping, states a Stockholm message. Stories of merchant shipping sinkings have disappeared from the front pages of the German newspapers.

PRODUCTION CHIEF

LONDON, Thurs.—Sir Robert Sinclair has been appointed head of the war production staff.

HEAVY BOMBS DROPPED ON MADANG BASE

CANBERRA, Thurs. — Using 2000lb. bombs, Allied bombers yesterday raided the drome and adjoining installations at Madang, big Jap base in New Guinea, while long-range fighters strafed positions nearby.

Bad weather again limited activity, but Jap installations on Observation Hill at Mubo were bombed and strafed, says today's communique from Gen. MacArthur's HQ.

Medium units night-bombed Langgoer drome on Kai Islands, north of Darwin, causing explosions and fires. A heavy reconnaissance unit strafed the coast at Arawe, New Britain.

NAZI GIBE ON POLISH QUESTION

LONDON, Thurs.—"It's bad luck that the kangaroo should have this Polish sheep in its pouch," says the Berlin Radio, commenting on Australia's action in representing Polish interests in Russia.

The radio says it is grotesque to have Mr Slater as the Polish representative because he cannot speak Polish or Russian. He did not know where Poland was or who were its inhabitants.

CANBERRA, Thurs. — The staff of the Australian Legation in Russia will probably be increased now that it will look after Polish interests.

NATION'S FOOD DIRECTORATE IN MELBOURNE

CANBERRA, Thurs. — Melbourne would be the administrative centre for food control, the new Commonwealth Food Controller (Mr Murphy) said yesterday.

His first job would be to plan an organisation which, for the first time, would bring under one roof all activities concerned with the production and distribution of foodstuffs.

Defence food organisations in other States would be transferred to the new control also.

The Director-General of Agriculture (Mr Bulcock) and his staff would be incorporated in the new organisation, said Mr Murphy. He would discuss with Mr Bulcock stimulation of production.

Supplies For Giraud

LONDON, Thurs. — American Lease-Lend authorities announce that military supplies valued at £18,750,000 have been transferred to General Giraud, French C-in-C in Africa, for use in northern and western Africa.

Serious Rail Block In NSW

SYDNEY, Thurs.—Another rail block following the State's heavy rain occurred yesterday with two collapses of a 30ft. embankment at an overhead bridge leading to Mortdale power sheds.

The falls blocked the main south coast line and a single line had to be used to carry all traffic.

For the week to 9 a.m. yesterday, rain in Sydney and suburbs ranged from 5in. to 10.89in. Highest registrations for the fortnight on the north and south coast, where extremely heavy rain fell, were Robertson 41.10 in., Berry 27.30, Sutton Forest 25.64, and Milton 24.01.

The RAF's Answer

SAN FRANCISCO, Thurs.—It is reported that the RAF launched severe attacks against Japanese positions in northern and western Burma, shortly after the Japanese had announced that such raids would be impossible.

Lindrum Restrains Wife From Selling Trophies

MELBOURNE, Thurs.—Mr Justice Gavan Duffy in the Practice Court granted Walter Lindrum, billiards champion, leave to serve summons for an interim injunction until Monday against his wife, Alicia Lindrum, restraining her from selling or parting with furniture, trophies and jewellery.

The court was told that during Lindrum's absence from Victoria, his wife allegedly left their flat taking furniture, trophies and other articles, and drew £464 from a joint account.

On the previous day, Lindrum took out a Supreme Court writ against his wife, claiming return of the goods. Alternatively he claimed £1200, their alleged value, and £100 damages for alleged illegal detention.

SAVES MATCHES. — Combination cigarette-lighter and torch invented by Mr E. Holmes, Neutral Bay, Sydney. Separate switches operate lighter and bulb. It has been designed for men of the services and the small red glow of the lighter can easily be hidden by the hand. — Sun, Syd.

MORE FOOD CUTS

MELBOURNE, Thurs.—Further food rationing was forecast by the War Organisation Minister (Mr Dedman) at Geelong. While it was intended to provide sufficient foodstuffs, there would be a reduction in scale and variety, he said.

CONDEMN DRINK

MELBOURNE, Thurs.—"More milk, less beer," should be the slogan for the State election, suggested Prof. Woodruff, of Melbourne University, at a Town Hall meeting to urge effective liquor control.

Dean Langley said the liquor traffic and a great many other ills would never be cleaned up until the profit motive was removed. Drink traffic in the services was a most damning element in the prosecution of the war.

SEEK £7 BASIC WAGE

CANBERRA, Thursday. — A motion that the Government be urged to establish a basic wage of £7 a week is on the agenda paper for the Australian Trade Union Congress, to be held on June 21.

Another proposal is that education be taken over by the Federal Government and that it be free from the kindergarten to the university, inclusive.

Speaking in Melbourne, Mr R. G. Menzies said the greatest post-war problem would be education. Raising the school age would not solve the problem of ensuring that people had fully-developed responsibilities and were educated citizens at 21. The Commonwealth must help the States in this matter.

Domestic Round-up

MELBOURNE, Thur.—Domestic servants may be transferred to hospitals to relieve the acute staff shortage. Manpower officials are interviewing domestics from homes where more than two are employed.

NEW RATION BOOKS

CANBERRA, Thurs.—Nearly 10,000 issuing centres throughout Australia with staffs totalling about 30,000, will handle more than 6,500,000 new ration books when these are issued to the public on June 5-6.

Wholly set up and printed by First Aust. Army Printing and Press Unit.

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FREE TO THE TROOPS

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Allies Can Take On Nazis And Japs At Same Time

...Mr CHURCHILL

WASHINGTON, Wed.--"The war against Japan will be fought with increasing intensity," said Mr. Churchill at a Press conference he and President Roosevelt held in Washington to-day.

"It has occupied a great part of our Washington talks and we have reached certain conclusions which I think are sound.

"It is not now such an acute problem as it has been to choose between the war in Europe and the war in the Pacific. Our resources have increased so much that we can wage vigorous and effective war against both our enemies at the same time.

"The danger of a Japanese invasion of Australia is now much less than it was."

Mr Churchill said the Allies would like the use of Siberian bases for air-raids on Japan but did not expect Russia to do more than it was doing at present.

"I have the utmost confidence in the ability of Russia to hold out this year and her ability to hurl back any attack."

Mr Churchill said he had brought the Navy, Army and Air Force Commanders from India to help the Americans to carry the war to Japan. The United Nations were ready to apply a great deal of effort simultaneously against the Axis in Europe and against Japan.

Advice To Italy

"We are the strongest animal and can shake the life out of the enemy by not giving him a moment's rest, particularly in the air because neither Germany nor Japan can obtain equality with us," said Mr Churchill.

Turning to Italy, Mr Churchill said "The Italians would be well advised to abandon their leaders and throw themselves on the justice of those whom they have so grievously offended. We cannot, however, bank on their doing that.

"Nobody proposes to take the territory of the Italian people, who would be permitted to live their own lives.

"We cannot bank on the collapse of German morale. I still prefer to rely on the force of our arms. Italy, however, will be a softer proposition than Germany.

More U-Boat Kills

"The situation at sea is very encouraging. The number of U-boat kills has improved as a result of wonderful new methods in which Britain and America have shared."

Mr Churchill said nobody had been chosen as Allied Commander-in-Chief for the European theatre of operations. The talks between President Roosevelt and Mr Churchill are continuing. "We are determined to achieve victory in the war against Japan as soon as possible," said the U.S. Under-Secretary for War (Mr Patterson). "We will recapture Burma, re-open the Burma Road, rescue and re-arm China, liberate the Philippines and destroy the ruling classes of Japan. Since Pearl Harbour, America has made 37,000 tanks, 1,000,000 machine-guns, and 14,000,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition but must make more and more."

U.S. LONG-RANGE MOBILE GUN—a match for any tank now built or that could be built. With the speed of a medium tank, this 155mm. gun hurls a 95lb. projectile 10 miles and could sink a heavy cruiser at that range. It is highly mobile.—Sun Pic.

AXIS FIGHTERS SHEER OFF AS 300 ALLIED PLANES LASH SARDINIA

LONDON, Wed.--Sardinia, latest target for the Strategic Air Force's non-stop Mediterranean blitz, was heavily pounded at 9 points by 300 aircraft--practically without any enemy fighter opposition.

Airfields, harbours, railways, factories, and bridges were smashed, and direct hits scored on 12 ships.

After the bombers had finished, Allied fighters swept up and down the island, attacking almost unopposed every target confronting them. It is believed the enemy is saving his fighters in case of invasion.

A few Italian and German fighters came up but did not show much fight. One group of Italian planes swept in to attack but fled when Allied fighters turned to engage them.

Allied airmen said Italian dromes had been carpeted with bombs. "We sowed bombs like we sow wheat in North Dakota," said an American, and another said "The targets looked like squashed tomatoes on a table. I've never seen anything like it."

Damage was also caused in the Straits of Messina and at the ferry ports. Later Sicily and Pantellaria were again bombed. The enemy lost nine planes and the Allies three.

Rome Radio says civilians have been withdrawn from Cagliari, capital of Sardinia. "We are building strong ack-ack defences but no defences, however strong, can be expected to ward off the attacks of the Allied forces," states an Italian newspaper.

"All these defensive preparations, however, do not mean that the Italian people intend to abandon their aggressive spirit."

EDSEL FORD DEAD

NEW YORK, Wed.—Mr Edsel Ford, the eldest son of Mr Henry Ford, is dead. He was 49 and was President of the Ford Motor Co.

Airman's "Six Days Of Hell" Adrift In Bay of Biscay

LONDON, Wednesday.—Two Allied airmen drifted in a rubber dinghy in the Bay of Biscay for six days without water before being rescued by a Sunderland with an Australian crew.

The Sunderland came down on the sea. The men were the only survivors from the crew of a Liberator shot down after being attacked by five Junkers.

One died later but the captain, who is in hospital, will recover. After the plane had crashed, the captain saw two other men in the water and dragged them into the dinghy. One had a smashed arm and died that night. "It was six days of hell," said the captain.

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Earth Swallows Up Creek, Tree

HOBART, Wed.--An earth collapse swallowed up a creek, a pile of logs and a 20ft-high blackwood tree and stopped dangerously close to the home of Mr. H. Dennis at Heka, near Penguin.

Mrs Dennis heard a gurgling, rumbling noise and ran with the children to tell Mr Dennis, who was some distance away. When they returned they found a gaping hole 45 yds. long and 25 yds. across, the bottom of which could not be seen.

The locality abounds with underground caves and it is thought one of these collapsed. The creek has apparently joined one that runs out from the Gunn's Plains caves.

DENUDING PARK

BRISBANE, Wed. — Declaring that timber was being needlessly cut from the National Reserve, N. Queensland, the president of the National Parks Association (Mr R. W. Lahey) said an irreplaceable asset was being lost. The timber available from the reserve could make no appreciable difference to the war effort.

MISSING, believed drowned, in the Centaur torpedoing, is Matron S. A. Jewell, here seen with wounded Maoris on a voyage from the ME in the hospital ship Oranje. — Sun Pic.

CAT-SKIN BOOM RECALLS PROMOTER'S NOVEL IDEA

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.—High prices being paid on the local market for cat pelts—up to 3/6 each—have given humourists the cue to revive the famous prospectus for Cat Farms Unlimited, which was circulated as a serious company-flotation attempt some years ago.

The promoter planned to stock up a farm with cats and rats. Only a small initial outlay would be required to fatten up the first cats and rats. After that, the rats would be fed to the cats, and the skinned bodies of the cats would be fed to the rats!

64 Break Out Of Gaol In 13 Weeks

PERTH, Wed. — Perth district is having its third manhunt within a fortnight as police comb the hills for seven prisoners who escaped from Barton's Mill prison.

This brings the number of escapes from Barton's Mills to 64 in 13 weeks.

The last manhunt was for two men following an attack on a taxi-driver, who was robbed. They were caught 43 miles out on the Geraldton road.

£11,000,000 FACTORIES

CANBERRA, Wed.—Eleven million pounds had been spent in 36 regional areas on the construction of munition factories, said the Minister for Post War Reconstruction (Mr Chifley.).

Army Discharge Trick Alleged

MELBOURNE, Wed. — Wishing to obtain the release of her husband from the army because of her ill-health, a South Melbourne woman alleges she paid a man £75, which he said was the price of using his influence on friends at Victoria Barracks.

No discharge came through and the husband reported it. At a city hotel, Dets. Tannahill and Milne arrested an international swindler, who answered the woman's description of the man she had seen.

The man claimed to be a lion tamer at a circus in the city, but later is alleged to have admitted that he took the money from the woman, claiming it a lawful business.

Charged with false pretences, he was remanded to June 2.

Short-coupon Sale Costs Firm £119

BRISBANE, Wed.—Fines and costs totalled £119 in a coupon prosecution at Warwick. Edith Emerline Johnson, of Victoria-st., and Roland Warwick Johnson, of Pratten-st., trading as W. G. Johnson and Son, were charged with having sold a pyjama suit for 7 coupons instead of 13.

Leads Fighter Wing

HOBART, Wed.—Wing Commander Rattan, of Tasmania, has become the first Empire Air trainee to be given command of a fighter wing in England. The wing includes an Australian Spitfire squadron with S/L Barclay, of SA, as CO.

MINE STRIKE ENDS

SYDNEY, Wed. — The marathon stoppage at Hebburn No. 2 colliery, which in 15 weeks has cost more than 82,000 tons of coal, ended today, the lodge accepting new terms by a four to one majority.

TRANSCONTINENTAL BREVITIES

Unless the Church turned its mind to issues preoccupying young people it would lose its prestige with this generation, said the Rev. Frank Coldrake at St. Paul's, Melbourne. The youth movement in Australia was ready to be won over by whoever came first to capture its imagination. The trouble was youth could be won over to wrong ideals.

Tasmanian candidates for the Senate endorsed by the UAP are Dr. J. Bruce Hamilton and Capt. D. R. Tait (Hobart), and Messrs G. B. Rolph (Launceston), F. B. Edwards (Ulverstone), B. H. Edgell (Bothwell) and P. F. Andrews (Gawler). Three Senators are to be elected.

Great Grandma Is An Oxy-welder

MELBOURNE, Wed. — In the din and clatter of a munition factory at Geelong, a great-grandmother is working as an oxy-welder. She is Mrs J. Hannaford, of Chilwell. Her husband works in a different part of the same factory. Mrs Hannaford scorned a sitting-down job, demanding one which would keep her moving about.

Golden weddings have been celebrated by Mr and Mrs W. J. Hay, and Mr and Mrs W. J. Eiszele, of New Norfolk (Tas.).

Australia's rice harvest is expected to be 55,0000 tons—a record.

A Brisbane taxi-driver was fined £35 or three months for having liquor in his cab. It was the first case of its kind in Brisbane.

An exhibition and sale of stud beef cattle will be held in Brisbane will the Royal National Association on August 16, 17 and 18.

The Mayor of Launceston (Mr Oldham) withdrew his nomination for Bass seat in the House of Representatives when the State UAP organisation decided to invite a second candidate to nominate.

Night baking has been abolished in Melbourne after weeks of agitation. The Bread Trade Board decided to permit baking between 4 a.m. and 4 p.m. on ordinary days, and from midnight to noon when double quantities have to be baked.

Butter factories near Brisbane could make up Queensland's milk shortage at a reasonable price and under good conditions, states the Milk Board.

Victorian tramways have been declared protected undertakings. The Federal Secretary of the Tramways Association (Mr O'Shea) said this would stabilise employment and probably attract more women employees. If enough women were obtained, reintroduction of a six-day week was likely.

Brisbane's Civilian Accommodation Bureau at the City Hall had 64 applications on Monday and only eight offers. Since it opened last week, 698 applications have been received, with only 20 offers of help. People with accommodation have been asked to register.

Opening a Women's Land Army camp at Victoria Point (Q.), the Deputy Manpower Director (Mr Walsh) said the work done by the Land Army was varied and interesting. Girls could join as permanent members or as auxiliary members for a month or more.

The social club of a Victorian munitions factory has established a country rest home for its members. It will accommodate 30.

Prof. Bernard Heinze, the Melbourne conductor, said in Sydney he was not impressed by the appreciation of classical music by Sydney and Melbourne children. In Brisbane it was much better.

A hospital costing £57,000 has been opened at Roma, Q. It contains 50 public and 12 private beds, besides a maternity section.

Actress To Retire

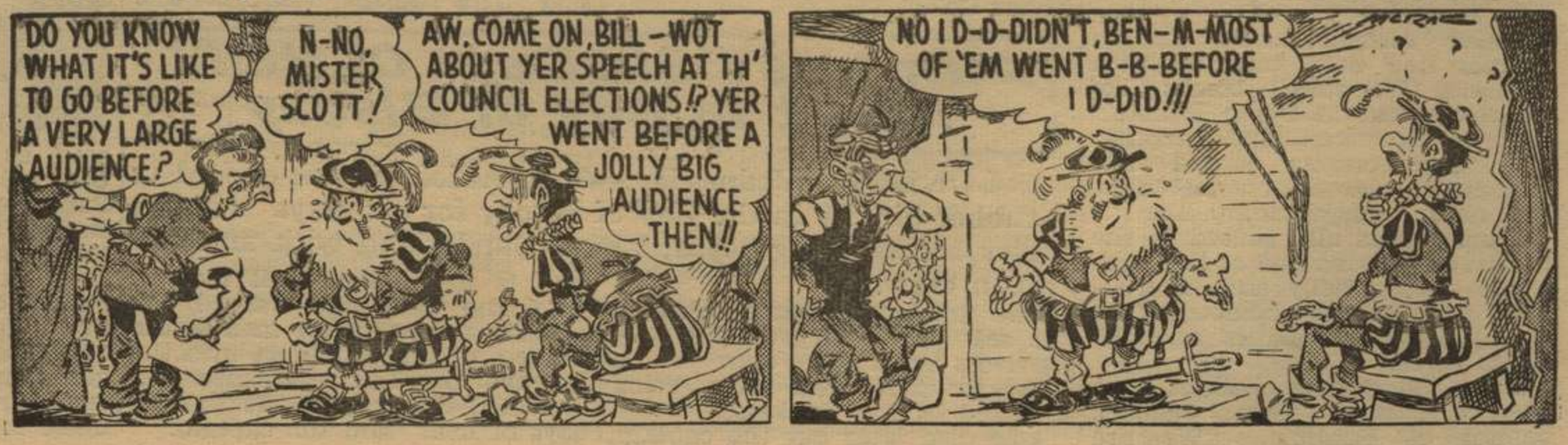
BRISBANE, Wed. — Diana Parnham, who was married to Brydon Taves, US newspaperman, last week, will retire from the stage, at least temporarily, when the season of Reunion in Vienna ends on Friday, according to her husband. He and Miss Parnham are both 28.

Posthumous award of the Distinguished Service Cross has been made to Lieut.-Commdr. Ian Penn Boucant, of SA. He was reported missing, presumably killed, on HMS Shirley in December.

Greer Garson, the English film star in Hollywood, is sending Miss Annette Kellerman a memento of her film, Mrs Miniver, to be sold for Sydney Red Cross funds. Bette Davis is also sending a gift.

A Scheme under which industrial workers are contributing to the Red Cross has been established in SA. Already 20,000 contributors have been organised in 100 groups.

GUNN'S GULLY — — Talked Out



Gunn's Gully strip by courtesy of The Herald, Melbourne.

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German Troops Sent To Doom In Straits

JAP SHIPPING in the port of Akyab, Burma, after a raid by the RAF. Vessel in foreground has heeled over from bomb blast. — Sun Pic.

LONDON, Wed.--German troops trying to cross the Straits of Kerch from the Crimea have been successfully attacked by Soviet planes.

Many supply ships and barges full of troops sent to relieve pressure on the Axis forces in the Kuban have been sunk.

Both sides are assembling troops, tanks and guns all along the front and are jockeying for positions before heavy fighting breaks out.

Russian reconnaissance planes and scouting parties are probing the enemy's defences.

TRANSPORT SUNK

Soviet bombers raided three enemy-occupied railway junctions on the Smolensk front at night. Trains containing troops and supplies were blown up at each place. One plane is missing.

Russian planes concentrated on trains in daylight, too, and also blew up a large number of fuel dumps. Torpedo-carrying aircraft sank a 10,000-ton German transport in the Barentz Sea.

MISSING SUB COMMANDER AWARDED V.C.

LONDON, Wed.—The VC has been awarded to one of Britain's outstanding submarine aces, Capt. John Wallace Linton, DSC, DSO, who is missing.

Capt. Linton played a big part in the battle against the Axis supply lines in the Mediterranean, and submarines under his command have sunk a cruiser, a destroyer, a U-boat, and 28 supply ships, a total of 100,000 tons.

Last year his submarine was hunted 13 times, and 250 depth charges were dropped near it. But early this month the famous submarine Turbulent, under his command, was reported overdue and presumed lost in the final stages of the Tunisian campaign.

The VC award is the 63rd of the war and the fifth to men serving in submarines. Lieut. Ronald Major, of Fremantle, a member of the RANVR, has been awarded the DSC for gallantry at Oran.

JAPS' SOUTH CHINA DRIVE BLUNTED

LONDON, Wed.—The new Japanese push into SW China seems to have failed. The Japs are being forced back, and Chinese troops have captured a town north of the Burma Road.

In Central China, however, the Jap offensive in the Yangste River area is making progress. Blenheim bombers in Burma attacked a Jap camp and an occupied village. All returned safely.

COMINTERN'S EXIT

NEW YORK, Wed.—The dissolution of the Comintern would promote greater trust among the Allies and make possible the co-operation needed for winning the war and for post-war reconstruction, said the U.S. Secretary of State (Mr Cordell Hull).

LONDON, Wed.—The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain has accepted the Moscow decision. The Manchester Guardian says the Comintern was never one of Stalin's enthusiasms.

RAID ON ENGLAND --- 8 DOWN

LONDON, Wednesday. — Eight of a force of enemy raiders which raided a town on the south coast of England in daylight yesterday were shot down, five by fighters and three by ack-ack fire.

The planes, FW190 fighter-bombers, dropped bombs from a low level. One flew out to sea, with a Typhoon piloted by an NZ squadron leader on its tail. It blew up when a burst of fire hit it.

"Fragments flew all over the place," said the Typhoon pilot. "I flew through a hail of debris while the rest of the plane was lying smoking on the water."

Houses and shops were destroyed and 12 people killed. Bombs fell on a school playground which had been crowded with children a few minutes before.

The RAF has made another night raid on Germany but no details are available.

Rome Radio claims that German planes dropped mines full of liquid air on a town on the S coast of England. It says the mines destroy everything within a half-mile radius.

JAP REMNANTS ON ATTU CORNERED

WASHINGTON, Wed.—The U.S. forces on Attu Island (Aleutians) had continued their drives and cornered the remaining Japs in a NE peninsula, said the U.S. Secretary of the Navy (Col. Knox).

The Americans were making good progress despite sleet, rain and snow. Further news about the clash between 16 Jap twin-engined bombers and a small force of Lightnings at Attu reveals that five bombers were destroyed, seven probably destroyed, and the rest fled. Two Lightnings were lost, but one pilot is safe.

Three Jap cargo ships were bombed in the Shortland Islands area but results were not observed. Other targets in the Shortland Islands and at Munda were bombed. Guadalcanal was raided by three Jap bombers without damage.

Sport: S.A. RIDER TOP IN INDIA AGAIN

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.—J. F. Sharp, Adelaide jockey, has headed the winning jockeys' list at the Calcutta cold weather season for the second year in succession, winning 40 races.

Carr, the English jockey, was second with 25, and Len Lott, of Melbourne, third with 24. Alec Higgins, Australian trainer, had another great year, winning the Viceroy's Cup and many other rich races.

HAD EVERYTHING BUT HORSES

PORT MORESBY, Wed. — New Guinea has had its first wartime race meeting, with a totalisator, a refreshment stand and an amplifier unit, but no horses.

There are no race tracks in New Guinea, so the men who organised the meeting. members of an AIF artillery unit which made a name for itself overseas, staged the types of races they held on troopships going to and coming from the Middle East.

Mal Murray, Randwick (N.S.W.) Rugby Union forward, has been dropped to reserve grade after playing 126 matches with the first-grade team.

When thieves stole 13 wheels and tyres worth £400 from four floats at the garage of Hardiman's Racehorse Transport Co. at Ascot Vale (Melbourne) on Sunday, 50 or 60 horses were faced with having to walk to the races each week, as the tyres were irreplaceable. The tyres were recovered next day, however, when detectives made a raid at South Melbourne.

AIF Star In Bout

BRISBANE, Wed.—Ron Heron, lightweight champion of the AIF in the Middle East, will meet Fred Corten at Brisbane on Friday night. Heron won all his 40 fights overseas, 30 by knock-outs.

TO DEFEND TITLE

SYDNEY, Wed.—Tommy Colteaux has agreed to defend his Australian middleweight title against Hockey Bennell at Leichhardt Stadium in about a month. He has not defended it since August.

Brisbane Rugby League delegates, by - votes to 6, rejected a recommendation from the Management Committee that Valley, Norths and Brothers should lose winning points for playing unqualified men.

Phenominal Haag

In about two months, Gunder Haag, Swedish world champion middle-distance runner who may come to Australia, staged the phenomenal performance of making world records for seven distances ranging from 1500 metres to 5000 metres. His mile time, 4 min. 4/4-5 sec., was nearly 2 sec. faster than Wooderson's world record, but his time for two miles, 8 min. 47/4-5 sec., was even more remarkable. Haag, a fireman, is 6ft., but weighs only 10.10. He is 24.

E. McMenamin refused the ride on Lancambre in the Wagga Cup. A. Gollogly, who has been suspended since, won on Lancambre. Frank McGrath has won four Wagga Cups, one with Amounis. "I wish I had another horse like Amounis now," said McGrath.

WINTERSET NOT RUNNING AT VALLEY

MELBOURNE Wed. — Winterset, best steeplechaser in Australia, is not engaged at Moonee Valley on Saturday, but his stablemate, Highland March, with 12.1, will run, ridden by L. Meenan. Winterset is to go to Pakenham, where he will run on the flat to fit him for the steeplechase at Flemington on June 12.

Sixteen horses are being schooled over fences at Flemington and the number may have some bearing on whether four jumping races will be held at Melbourne winter meetings instead of two.

Jumping owners are happy at the decision of Ascot club to run a £1000 Ascot National Hurdle at Mentone on June 19. It should be a good trial for the Grand National Hurdle on July 10.

Mr William Leitch, "grand old man" of football in Tasmania and a director of H. Jones and Co., died at his home in Hobart North, aged 79.

WINTERSET

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Molotov's Hope--Postwar Alliance Of Three Big Allies

LONDON, Wed.--"In the present great struggle a firm foundation is being laid for an alliance between Russia, Great Britain and the United States after the war," said the Soviet Foreign Minister (M. Molotov) in a message to Britain on the first anniversary of the Anglo-Soviet Alliance.

The British Foreign Minister (Mr Eden), in a message to M. Molotov, said he was sure the pact, after being tried in the flames of war, would endure when victory was won and have a profound effect, not only on Britain and Russia, but on all the United Nations.

In a message to the King, the Soviet President (M. Kalinin) expressed the admiration of the Russian people for the way in which the Allies had won their great victory in Tunisia.

The works of British composers formed the programme at a concert held in Moscow last night.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

CANBERRA, Wed.—Not only did the treaty mean closer relations between the Soviet and Britain in the war against Hitlerite Germany, but it meant closer co-operation between the two countries after the war, said the Russian Minister to Australia

"The treaty contains the greatest promise of that co-operation between the British and Soviet people after the war on which peace in Europe will depend," said the Prime Minister (Mr Curtin).

CAPTURE PLANE IN MOVIE STYLE

PERTH, Wed.—While being taken to Italy as prisoners in a big seaplane after their own plane had been shot down, a crew of RAAF men attacked the Italian crew, took the plane and flew back to Malta. The story is told by P/O F. Barnett, of Kalgoorlie, in a letter to a friend.

Weather Hinders Pacific Activity

CANBERRA, Wednesday.—Bad weather limited Allied air attacks yesterday against the Japs north of Australia.

Main operation was over Finschhaven area, New Guinea, where reconnaissance units raided villages. Barges off New Britain and the jetty and wharf areas at Gasmata were raided by reconnaissance units. Dromes at Cape Gloucester and Madang were bombed by other units.

High-pressure Patrol

CANBERRA, Wednesday.—Four attacks on U-boats in five days, followed by two battles with big formations of Junkers 88's, was the recent experience of an Australian Sunderland squadron of Britain's Coastal Command. At least two U-boats are believed to have been sunk.

The squadron has lost only two planes in a year's operations, mostly anti-submarine patrols, in which 750,000 miles were flown.

SMART WOODEN SHIP LAUNCHED

HOBART, Wed.—A wooden ship built entirely of Tasmanian timbers was launched in southern Tasmania by Mrs Dalton, wife of Minister in charge of shipbuilding.

Stringy bark was used for the keel and planking, and celery pine for the deck. Hunt pine was used for most of the fittings. The ship's smart lines impressed onlookers.

Public Servant's Denial In Court

BRISBANE, Wed.—A charge by Mr Barnes, MLA, was strongly denied by Reginald Basil McAlister, Assistant Under-Secretary to the Premier, at the Norval inquiry.

"It is a shocking state of affairs that a public servant or any other individual should be called on to defend his character from scurrilous accusations made by a person without being verified," said McAlister.

In evidence the previous day Barnes said he had been told that McAlister and Mrs McPherson, sister of Miss Norval, spent the week-end together before the inquiry.

George William Watson gave evidence that on November 11, 1938, as Under-Secretary to the Premier's Department, he granted Miss Norval's application for emergency leave to visit Bundaberg because of illness in the family.

DOWN WITH HATED SIGNS.— Red soldiers remove notice from Nazi Commandant's office in Vyazma after they had recaptured the city. Picture by radio to New York and thence by airmail to Australia. — Sun Pic.

MEDITERRANEAN BLOW MAY COME FROM EAST

ADELAIDE, Wed.—The Allied attack on Europe may be made through the Eastern Mediterranean — possibly through Turkey — and Cyprus will be a very important base, believes Mr J. A. Hetherington, Australian war correspondent, who has arrived in Adelaide.

BRAZIL HAILS TUNISIA

LONDON, Wed.—The President of Brazil has sent congratulations on behalf of the Brazilian people to the King on "the glorious achievements of the Allies in the Tunisian campaign."

"Nothing Ever Happens," Say AIF Foresters--But 72 Wed

CANBERRA, Wednesday.—Seventy-two of 480 men in three AIF forestry units camped in the south of Scotland have married Scottish girls.

The Australian Parliamentary party visiting England learned this when they called at the camp. The visitors were told that the work of the units saved three ships a year from continually crossing between Canada and Britain.

The men were not enthusiastic about Scottish weather and "Nothing ever happens here" was printed in large letters beneath the AIF emblem in the officers' mess, but the men had few complaints. They will soon be transferred to forests in Sussex.

Boulders Pin Train Driver

SYDNEY, Wed.—The driver of an electric train, Alfred Jones, of Jersey-ave., Mortdale, was trapped and injured when boulders crashed 20ft. into his cabin, wrecking it and derailing three carriages near Oatley station last night.

No one else was hurt. The boulders had been loosened from an embankment by heavy rain.

MAY STAGGER SHOP HOURS IN CITIES

MELBOURNE, Wed. — Staggering of opening and closing times of shops in all capital and provincial cities with tram and bus services was foreshadowed at a conference of Australian transport organisations, held at the request of the Director-General of Manpower (Mr Wurth).

7 FLIERS DEAD

SYDNEY, Wed.—Seven members of the RAAF were killed when a flying-boat crashed during training exercises. Included in those killed were F/Lt Brian Higgins, DFC, of Wangaratta, F/O Max Martin and F/O Norman Brown.

MANPOWER RAID

BRISBANE, Wed. — Several men scaled a high wire fence when manpower officials appeared at the wharf labourers' pick-up shed in Boundary-st., yesterday, in Brisbane's first manpower raid, but about 100 were interviewed. Those without identity cards were told to report to the manpower office.

MILK SHORTAGE HITS THREE STATES; BAN ON DRINKS

CANBERRA, Wed.—Milk is acutely short in NSW, Victoria and Queensland. Milk drinks will be banned in Melbourne milk bars from Sunday.

At least 20 p.c. of Melbourne retail dairies are expected to be without their full supply at the week-end and may have to ration deliveries.

In Sydney a cut of 30 p.c. in deliveries has been restored, but the ration for shopkeepers remains at 50 p.c.

In Brisbane, Mr Harris, of the Retail Milk Vendors' Association, said some vendors were getting only 2 gallons for each 10 received before.

The Milk Board has arranged extra supplies to reduce the Brisbane shortage from 3000 to 2000 gallons a day.

Lack of soft drinks is one strong reason for the shortage in the cities. Others are a drop in production, increased demand and processing of milk for troops.

Melbourne retailers say the principal sufferers from the ban on sales from milk bars will be U.S. servicemen. They are the biggest milk shake drinkers here. Some bars have laid in stocks of powdered milk.

DISPLAY EGG HATCHES CROCODILE

BRISBANE, Wed. — Given a crocodile egg by a friend, Tex Tunley, Babinda newsagent, placed it on ice for 24 hours to prevent the egg from hatching. Then he displayed it in his shop window. Next morning he was astonished to find a very active young crocodile in the window.

Wholly set up and printed by First Aust. Army Printing and Press Unit.

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FREE TO THE TROOPS

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War's Heaviest Raid---2000 Bomb-tons Blast Dortmund In Hour

LONDON, Tues.--Two thousand tons of bombs were dropped in an hour, in the RAF's smashing raid on Dortmund, which was the heaviest raid of the war and brought the mass weight of bombs dropped on Germany since war began to 100,000 tons.

"The next 100,000 tons will be delivered in quicker time, if Goering waits for them," said Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, Chief of Bomber Command.

A rear-gunner said he was unable to count the number of fires, which seemed to merge into one great blaze.

Thirty-eight bombers are missing from the raid, which began at 1 p.m. Thirty-five tons of bombs were dropped every minute, and 24 two-tonners were included in the total of 2000 tons. This total was 500 tons more than that delivered in the 1000-bomber raid on Cologne last year.

Pilots reported that the weather was perfect. There was a heavy concentration of searchlights, and the ack-ack fire was intense at first but later the defences were swamped by an avalanche of bombs.

Other pilots said there was indescribable confusion as a result of the dislocation caused by the damage to the two dams in the RAF raid last week.

A strong force of Australian airmen took part in the raid, in addition to those in RAF crews. In. fact, the first wave of great bombers was formed by an Australian squadron led by a Brazilian Wing-Commander, a veteran of 51 raids.

City Shattered

"The best ever" was how one Australian described the raid. Another pilot said "Dortmund is not much use for anything now."

"London was raided," said a BBC commentator, "but Dortmund was shattered." Even Berlin Radio has admitted "considerable material damage."

The raid was five times heavier than any made on London, and followed another smashing attack made a few weeks ago, when 1500 tons of bombs were dropped.

Dortmund has a population of 550,000 and is noted for its steel works. The Dortmund-Ems canal and Dortmund's position at the eastern end of the Ruhr make the city one of the most important in Germany.

MAORI TROOPS at bayonet drill in N.Z. In Tunisia, Maoris with the Eighth Army broke down several vital areas of resistance at bayonet point. — Daily Tele.

Mediterranean Fury Turned On Pantellaria

LONDON, Tues.—The Allied air force in the Mediterranean has switched the weight of its air attack from Sicily to the small island of Pantellaria, which has been raided four times in 12 hours.

Heavy damage was caused to docks and shipping. Pantellaria, half-way between Tunisia and Sicily, was blasted for days after the fall of Tunisia.

Three dromes in Sardinia and Lampedusa Island and places in southern Italy have also been attacked. Heavy bombers smashed at enemy shipping in the Aegean Sea and along the coast of Greece.

There has been no fighter opposition to the latest raids on islands in the Mediterranean.

Allied Leaders Burn The Midnight Oil

WASHINGTON, Tues. — President Roosevelt and Mr Churchill conferred all day and until 2.30 a.m., probably reaching final decisions. Mr Churchill, who usually retires early, had one of his latest nights.

Newspapers suggest that the two leaders dove-tailed strategy against Japan into the European picture. The Prime Minister of Canada (Mr Mackenzie King), on his return to Ottawa, said his trip had been "completely satisfying and most useful."

Catch Fish In Paddocks

SYDNEY, Tuesday. — Blackfish, bream and flathead, swept overland by the floods, are being caught with hand nets in pools in paddocks at Nowra.

Downpours along parts of the coast were among the heaviest since 1928. Heavy seas wrecked 200yds. of stone wall between North Steyne and Queenscliffe. Losses of cauliflowers, cabbages, maize and fruit from the floods have been enormous.

REMEMBER STALINGRAD

LONDON, Tues. — A suggestion that the ruins of Stalingrad be left as a lesson to future generations was made by Mr Joseph Davies, President Roosevelt's personal envoy to Russia, at a dinner in the Kremlin in his honor.

Heavy Toll of Jap Planes At Rabaul Likely

CANBERRA, Tues.—Correspondents believe that many Jap planes were destroyed on the ground when Allied bombers raided three dromes at Rabaul last night.

Fires seen 100 miles away were caused by a big weight of incendiaries and high explosives among parked planes and seaplanes. Daylight reconnaissance beforehand had shown groups of bombers and fighters on the dromes, and it is known the Japs were using one of them—Sulphur Creek drome—for long-range bombing.

Ack-ack fire was heavy, but there was interception.

More Jap planes were probably destroyed in a night raid on Penfoi drome at Koepang, Timor, where fires seen for 30 miles were started in dispersal areas.

Gasmata (New Britain) was bombed for the 13th day running evidently in an attempt to immobilise the drome there. Finschhaven and Lae were again raided.

Italians Stand To On Beaches

LONDON, Tues. — Responding to an appeal by Crown Prince Umberto to the Italian Army to stand firm, despite a lack of modern equipment, Italian troops are reported to be standing to along the beaches of S. Italy.

Rome Radio asserts that the Italian Navy will fight. A Zurich message says Germany has refused Mussolini more air support.

The Times says Nazi troops in Italy might find themselves bottled up, as in Tunisia.

Berlin Radio calls on Bulgaria to protect the Axis flank all along the Aegean Sea and in Macedonia. Turkey might join Britain in an attack through the Dardanelles.

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Brisbane Baby's 225 Foster-fathers

BRISBANE, Tuesday.—An 18 months old Brisbane boy has become the "adopted" child of 225 US soldiers, a week after they had announced a wish to establish a trust fund to help some baby from the City Mission.

The Premier, Mr Cooper (photo), is a trustee of the fund, into which £40 will be paid monthly for the duration. Food, clothing, education and general welfare requirements will be propided. If the boy dies before he is 21, money remaining in trust will go to the mission.

Lend--Still Save

CANBERRA, Tues. — Australians are maintaining their rate of ordinary savings as well as contributing to war loans and buying war savings certificates. At the end of March deposits in savings banks were £336,000,000—nearly £60,000,000 more than before the war. Investments in war savings certificates totalled £32,000,000.

More Liberal Holidays

CANBERRA, Tues. — Commenting on the Federal Government's decision on the Feedral Government's decision to reduce restrictions on holidays, the Leader of the Federal Opposition (Mr Fadden) said he realised war workers were carrying on under a heavy strain and that reasonable annual holidays and recreation should be planned in such a way that they did not interfere with the war effort.

3 DEAD IN CRASH

ADELAIDE, Tues. — Three air crew trainees were killed when a plane from an air force station crashed on a training flight. They were Sgt. L. Hampstead, 19, of Grafton, NSW; Gordon Dore, 22, of WA, and Aloysius Gilmore, 18, of SA.

Prepared His Own Coffin

SYDNEY, Tuesday. — Ernst Schneider, 83, who died at Dubbo last week, made arrangements for his funeral several years ago. He selected a casket and had the nameplate engraved, leaving the undertaker to add only the date of his death. Born in Germany, he was always known as very methodical.

FORMER YACHTSMAN IN ATLANTIC RESCUE

PERTH, Tuesday.—For bravery in saving lives when HMS Breedon was sunk in the Atlantic, Lieut. J. L. Nicol, RANVR, has been awarded the military MBE.

Hit by torpedoes, Breedon settled so rapidly that there was no chance of getting lifeboats away, and explosions shattered the Carley floats. Nicoll freed the float net and provided extra lifebelts for others.

When daylight came he made a raft from driftwood and lifejackets. He and another man were sighted on the raft by a plane and picked up.

Born in Scotland, Lt. Nicoll was a well-known Perth yachtsman. Before the war he made a world trip, part of it in a fishing trawler through Arctic waters.

Coffee, Chocolate From Bananas

SYDNEY, Tues.—Ersatz coffee made from bananas is recommended by the Agriculture Department, which claims it is satisfactory after experiments at Hawkesbury Agricultural College.

Bananas are cut into small pieces, placed in a dehydrator for 18 hours and roasted in coffee roasters.

When bone dry they are ground in a coffee mill and used either pure or blended with real coffee. The ersatz coffee can also be used as chocolate flavoring.

Declares Mothers Should Be Exempt

PERTH, Tues. — Until every other available woman had been canvassed for war service, mothers should not be either voluntarily or compulsorily enlisted, said Commissioner W. R. Dalziel, of the Salvation Army.

Creches were better than having children running loose, but the idea was basically unsound. He would insist on a law to make all children up to 14 go to Sunday school.

TRANSCONTINENTAL BREVITIES

The Vic. Government would make immediate use of all milk pasteurising plants available and would try to get additional equipment, said the Premier (Mr Dunstan). It considered pasteurisation essential for a clean, healthy supply.

A Melbourne jury was unable to reach a decision when Joseph Michael Howard, 29, of Carlton, was charged with having stolen a 10-year-old girl from her foster parents. He was remanded for further trial.

For having sold bacon short-weight at its Haymarket (Sydney) shop, McIlrath's Pty. Ltd. was fined £3. A shortage of about 1oz. in 1lb. was reported. For the company it was stated that many of the staff were inexperienced.

NSW Manpower Directorates placed 23,550 people in essential work during April, said the Deputy Manpower Director (Mr Bellemore).

A hot dog seller, Henry James Riley, of Randwick (NSW), who said he worked only three days a week, was refused military exemption. He had sought six months' exemption until his wife had a baby.

Lost for two days and nights in the bush between Narbethong and Healesville (Vic.), seven women school teachers on a camping hike found their way out to a road near Healesville as parties searched for them.

Conductor on a Leichhardt (Sydney) tram, Harold Candy, 36, of Ashfield, was swept from the footboard by a skidding lorry. He had both legs broken and was badly lacerated.

Action will be taken against Brisbane traders alleged to have exceeded margins for fruit and vegetables laid down in price control orders.

A caged lion at a circus at Burwood (Sydney) clawed Reginald Grady, 12, of Burwood. Two stitches were inserted in his hand.

A soil erosion station will be established between Junee and Wagga (NSW), said the Chief Secretary (Mr Baddely). He would not indicate the site chosen.

Struck by a tram in City Road (Sydney), John Arthur Gray, 40, of Annandale, was killed.

After five days in the bush without food, a mental patient, aged 39, was found at Lachlan (Tas.), about eight miles from New Norfolk.

AMPLIFIED LAW

HOBART, Tuesday. — A loud speaker for calling witnesses and others required in court has been installed in Hobart Police Court. It is believed to be the first in Australia. The equipment was made by the Bench Clerk (Mr A. C. Scott).

A purse containing £75 in notes and silver, lost by Mrs Maude Pollard, of Granville (NSW) was found in a telephone box in Parramatta.

Most of the aliens in NSW eligible for the Alien Construction Corps have been called up for medical examination.

Extra ration of tea and sugar will be available for the public next week.

Confidence in negotiations now under way to discipline irresponsibles among NSW miners was expressed in Sydney by the miners' general secretary (Mr G. W. S. Grant) after a visit to Newcastle. He hoped no action would be taken by the Federal Government until the miners' discussions had finished.

Of 1500 women residents of North Sydney in the 21 to 25 age group, only 85 have failed to answer.

The NSW Attorney-General (Capt. C. E. Martin) has left for active service oversesa, the Premier (Mr McKell) announced. Capt. Martin first joined the militia as a lieutenant, but later transferred to the AIF.

A safe containing £52 was stolen from George Koutalis's cafe, Rawson Place, Sydney. The thieves forced a door of the cafe.

These Pictures Were Smuggle

Tokio raid through Japanese eyes. These pictures, copied fr for 19 Apr. 42, which was smuggled out of Japan, show glim U.S. raiders had passed. . . .

Jap officers inspect some of the raid damage.

Fire-fighters at work.

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Report Of Big Russian Counter-Attack

LONDON, Tue.--A big Russian counter-attack is being made near Velikie Luki, between Moscow and Leningrad, says Berlin Radio.

Moscow is silent about this thrust, but evidently it is on a large scale because Berlin mentions that it is supported by tanks and artillery.

"We do not underrate our enemy," said Gen. Deitmar, the German military spokesman, over Berlin Radio. He admitted the Russians had had successes in their attack on Novorossisk but said Germany was bringing up fresh forces.

Russian artillery and the air force are pounding German armies assembling for the Spring campaign. One force of the enemy was broken up 150 miles south of Orel. The Russians have improved their positions in the Lisichansk and Novorossisk areas.

The Germans lost 13 planes in a raid on the railway and pipeline town of Bataisk near Rostov. Three Soviet planes are missing. At the other end of the Russian front 28 Axis planes tried to raid positions on the Murmansk front. Both attacks failed.

Moscow Radio is s till silent about the attack it is reported to be making in the north but it said tonight "We are now on the eve of a decisive event."

LOST COUPONS

PERTH, Tues. — Aged 100, Mrs Mary Malson, of Guildford, visited Perth Rationing Commission to report she had lost her ration book. Only purchase she had made with her year's coupons was a new hat.

FANTASTIC BOOTY IN TUNISIA

LONDON, Tues.—"Fantastic" is how a BBC correspondent describes the vast quantity of booty being sorted on Cape Bon Peninsula (Tunisia).

Big dumps of aeroplane parts, and miniature mountains of food, blankets and clothing are being sorted by Axis prisoners. There are great stacks of rifles and automatic weapons, magnificently-equipped field kitchens, blacksmiths' forges, collapsible steel wheelbarrows, field guns, ammunition and millions of gallons of petrol.

Hundreds of vehicles were captured, most of them in good order. Booby traps were left in typewriters and field dressings. The huge amount of booty gives the lie to propaganda that the Axis troops fought until their ammunition was exhausted.

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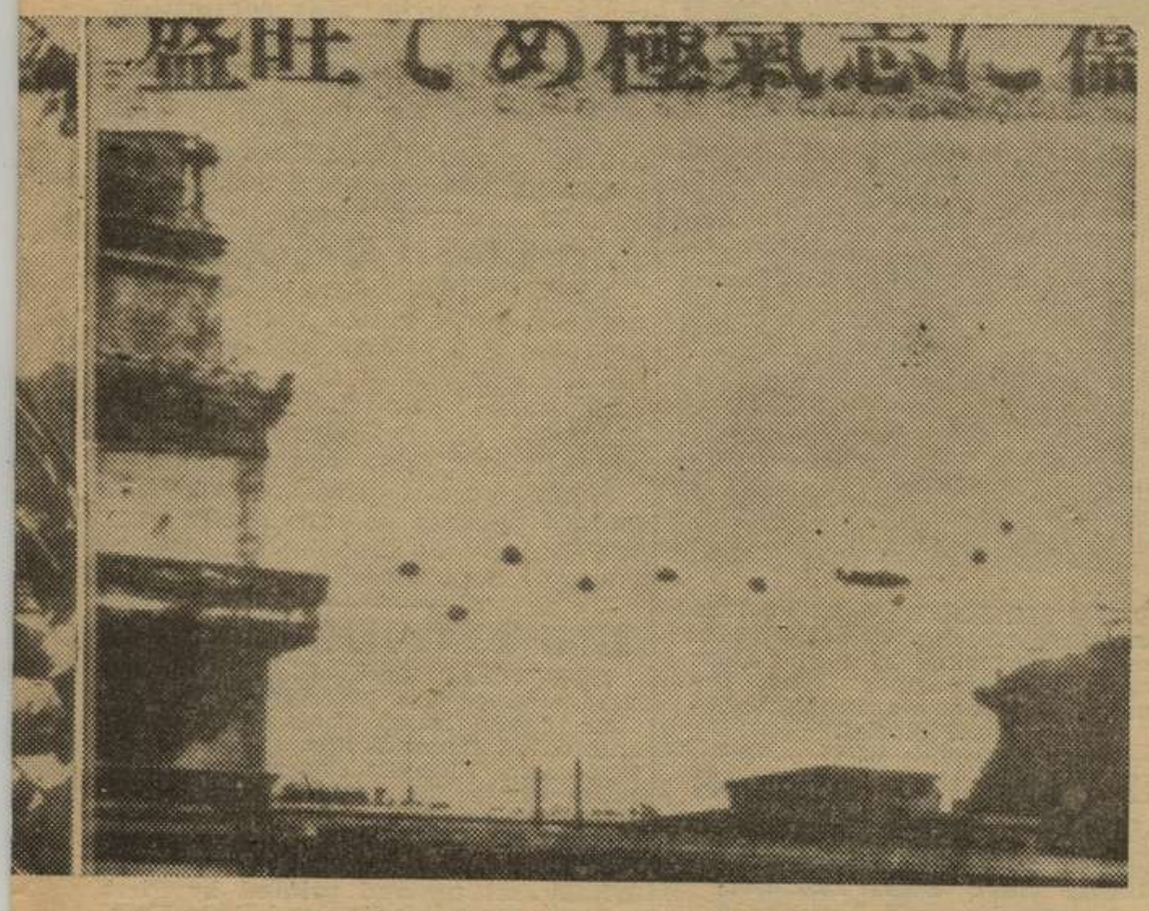

Ack-ack fire follows up U.S. bomber.

Russian SUGGEST WORLD FOOD BANK

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—An international food bank has been suggested by the British delegation to the Food Conference at Hot Springs, Virginia. The delegation recommended a bold policy of expanding production and distribution of food to needy populations by an internationally-financed organisation. The eating habits of millions would be improved by getting the right food at the right time. The conference should consider the shortage which would follow the war.

RAF's BURMA EPIC

LONDON, Tuesday. — The action of RAF crews in landing planes in the heart of Burma to take off sick and wounded Allied troops has been officially recognised.

The rescue work is considered to be a splendid example of co-operation between the two services. Soldiers have been encouraged by the knowledge that airmen will take great risks to help them if they are wounded or seriously ill.

Air activity was again a feature of operations on the Arakan front. Blenheims started many fires among railway buildings and rolling stock. Akyab Island and enemy-occupied villages in Central Burma were also attacked.

U.S. bombers attacked two Japanese ships moving towards Rangoon and set one on fire with three hits. The ship rolled over on its side.

Egyptian Govt. Survives Charges

CAIRO, Tue.—After a five-day debate in which charges made against members of the Egyptian Government in the so-called "black book" were discussed, the Chamber of Deputies carried a motion of confidence in the Government by 178 votes to nil.

Members of the Opposition walked out of the Chamber on Thursday and were not present when the vote was taken.

It is expected there will be 50,000 income tax payers in Tasmania in the next financial year.

SPORT: HAAG MAY COME TO AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Tuesday. — Gunder Haag, Swedish world champion middle distance runner, will be invited to visit Australia with two outstanding mile runners.

The decision, made by the NSW Athletic Association, is subject to approval by the Amateur Athletic Union. Profits would aid the Red Cross and the Australian Comforts Fund.

ADELAIDE BOXING

ADELAIDE, Tues.—Showing cleverness, but with little sting in his punches, Andy Gollan (8.6), of Sydney, billed as having won his last 20 fights, was no match for Buzz Blucher (8.10), at Norwood Town Hall last night.

HEENEY IN NAVY

AUCKLAND (N.Z.), Tues. — Tom Heeney, who fought Gene Tunney for the world's heavyweight boxing championship in 1928, has returned to N.Z. as a second-class seaman in the U.S. Navy.

Tunney beat Heeney in the 11th round. Later Heeney went to America, estbalished a cocktail bar in Miami (Florida), and became naturalised. He is 45.

6 JOCKEY SONS

PERTH, Tues.—Mr and Mrs Jim Olsen, of Victoria Park, have six sons, all jockeys. Four of them are in the army. The eldest has just been reported prisoner of war in Malaya after being unheard of for 17 months.

Could Take It

ADELAIDE, Tues. — Fight fans at Adelaide Stadium saw the strangest bout there for years when an unknown, Merv. Ridley (13.8), went 15 rounds with Bill Biddle and defied all Biddle's attempts to knock him out.

Ridley took heavy punishment without retaliation. Biddle won on points.

The smart Tasmanian three-year-old colt, Entitle, has been sold for 1000 gns. to Messrs. C. A. Sweeney and T. J. Hayes, Vic. Entitle's stake winnings in Tasmania in his two seasons are £716.

Life memberships of SA Football League have been awarded to R. B. Quinn, K. Obst and T. Kelleway, of Port Adelaide club. Quinn is abroad with the RAAF.

DID SCARLET TOI WIN ASCOT THOUSAND?

MELBOURNE, Tues. — Mr Jack Henry, VRC racing judge, who also judges at all other courses in Melbourne, said Scarlet Toi won the Ascot Thousand on Saturday by half a head from Darraweit, but there were many people on the course who consider Darraweit won by a half-neck, says Cardigan in the Melbourne Herald. His rider, J. O'Brien (phot)), told Darraweit's owner, Mr L. Kennedy, that he thought he won by a good head, but jockeys when they are busy riding out a finish are not the best judges. Cardigan did not think there was any doubt about Scarlet Toi's success, although he says Darraweit finished with a great burst and in another few strides might have won. He is a promising stayer, although he is a strange customer, as he has to be allowed to drop right out of his ground in the early stages. When he won the other day at Flemington he was unbacked by his owner, whereas on Saturday Mr Kennedy supported him at long odds for some thousands.

Four jumping races may be held at each meeting in Melbourne during the winter. Jumping races are popular, and the public would not mind the increase from two, but there may not be enough horses.

An interstate punter has won £5000 on J. Duncan's three winning mounts in Sydney in the last few weeks. He regards Duncan as the best rider of his weight in Australia, and will wait until Duncan is riding a form horse before plunging. Duncan has had only 9 wins in 87 mounts this season.

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Offer By Australia In Russo-Polish Rift Accepted

CANBERRA, Tue.--Soon Australia will represent Polish interests in the Soviet Union, said the Prime Minister (Mr Curtin) today.

Mr Curtin said the Federal Government made it known in the right quarters that, subject to agreement by the Soviet and Polish Governments, it would be happy to represent Poland in Russia to promote the common interests of the United Nations.

Now these governments had accepted Australia's offer, which had followed the recent breach of international relations between the two countries.

The Australian Legation would take over its new duties on a date to be fixed. Final arrangements had been facilitated by the presence in Washington of the Australian Minister for External Affairs (Dr. Evatt).

Negotiations had been completed with the full approval of Mr Churchill and President Roosevelt.

VICTORY SMILE

BRITISH SOLDIER, wounded in the final Tunisian assault, greets London with a smile as he passes through to hospital. — Daily Tele.

Politician Fined £10 For Silence

BRISBANE, Tues.—Mr Barnes, MLA, was fined £10 or a month at the Norval inquiry in the Coroner's Court when he refused to reveal the sources of his information about the girl's disappearance.

He admitted that his information, which was responsible for the inquiry, was all hearsay.

The Police Commissioner had written to him four times asking for information about his claim that Miss Norval was still alive. Barnes demanded answers first to questions he had asked in the House about the disappearance.

NURSING IMPASSE

CANBERRA, Tues. — The registration of nurses by manpower authorities has revealed that there are 45,000 in Australia but fewer than half are working as nurses. Of nearly 3000 single nurses not working, only 408 are willing to work full-time and about 600 part-time. Every case of a nurse not working as a nurse will be investigated.

Stole Pyjamas of Gaol Governor!

HOBART, Tuesday. — How articles had been taken into the gaol by a rope thrown from the kitchen roof was described by a former prisoner at the inquiry into alleged lax administration at Hobart gaol. The same method had been used to take out glassware and silverware belonging to Mrs Mullen, wife of the then governor, and the governor's pyjamas, he said.

Bathurst Goal Pandemonium

SYDNEY, Tues.—Following a strike by about 25 prisoners at Bathurst gaol, the men created pandemonium for three hours, shouting and caterwauling and banging their cell utensils against the walls.

The men, who were making camouflage nets, are said to have demanded 6d. a net instead of the ruling rate of 1/ a week. This would enable them to earn about 2/6 a week, which could be used for special purchases outside the gaol ration.

The request was refused and the men were ordered back to their cells. During their demonstration, they threatened to smash the machinery if their demand was not met.

NO DUNKIRK THERE!

LONDON, Tues.—Nine hundred Germans and Italians have been captured by RN patrols while trying to escape from Tunisia.

British engineers have done quick repair work in Tunisia. Eight hundred miles of railways and 40 bridges have been restored.

Plumber Strikes Plumber Trouble

SYDNEY, Tues. — Plumbers are so scarce that the secretary of the Plumbers' Union (Mr George Holden) has been waiting 3 months to get his bath-heater repaired. Because of union rules he cannot do his own plumbing, although he is a skilled plumber.

FOOD CONTROL CENTRALISED

CANBERRA, Tues. — A Food Secretariat will be established within the Commerce Department, with controllers for Defence, civilian and export needs. Co-ordination will be effected by the Commerce Department Secretary (Mr Murphy), under the direction of the Minister, Mr Scully (photo). The scheme does not meet the Opposition's demand for a Food Ministry, but the Government claims it will accomplish the same purpose.

Members of the British Food Mission and American experts on canning, dehydration and agriculture now in Australia will assist the Commerce Department. The change-over will be made immediately.

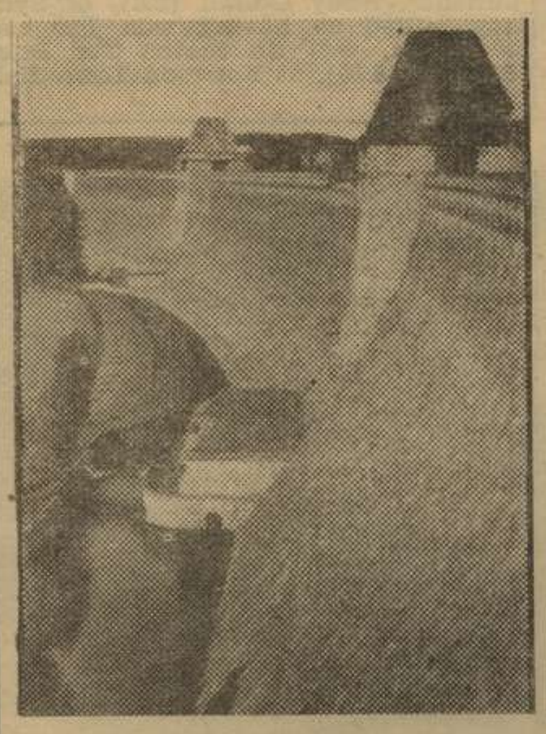
SHAKES WITH DETECTIVE AFTER ALL-IN FIGHT

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.—Overpowered by Detective Stewart, of Sydney, after an all-in fight at Victoria Palace, a blacksmith shook hands with him.

"You're a real decent fellow," he said. "You'd have been justified in kicking my head off after what I did to you."

Stewart told the story in the City Court, when the blacksmith, Charles Winters, 51, of Station-st., N. Melbourne, was committed for trial on a charge of breaking into the Victoria Palace with intent to steal.

James said Winters offered him a bribe of £100 to let him go and attacked him when he refused it.



GREAT MOHNE DAM in western Germany, which, with the Eder dam, was wrecked by mines from low-flying Lancasters. Vast industrial areas were inundated.—Sun Pictorial.

Air Clash Off Attu

NEW YORK, Tue. — A clash between 16 Japanese twin-engined bombers and a force of Lightnings off the east coast of Attu Island (Aleutians) cost the Japs five bombers. Two Lightnings were lost but one pilot was rescued.

American pressure against enemy pockets of resistance on the island is increasing. More enemy troops have been killed.

BIG FLOODS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Tues.—Floods swept a vast area of the Middle West when four rivers burst their banks and inundated many towns. The Mississippi and Missouri Rivers joined 20 miles above the usual place, and 100,000 acres of land are covered with water near St. Louis.

1185 BOTTLES (FULL) UNDER FLOOR

SYDNEY, Tues.—Discovery of 1101 bottles of beer, 84 bottles of whisky and bottles of wine on Christmas Day under the floor of a house occupied by Mrs Kathleen Barry, known as Kate Leigh, was described by police in Sydney Court. They said Mrs Barry threatened to break every bottle, but was prevented. She did not give evidence and confiscation was ordered.

Morale Value of Make-up

PERTH, Tues. — Make-up for girls in uniform is favoured by leaders of women's services.

Cosmetics counteracted the masculine effect of uniforms, said Fl/O Pitman, of the WAAAF's. Without them, the girls would be placed out of competition with civilian girls.

Capt. Sylvia Perry (AAMWS), said lack of make-up would be detrimental to morale. The Land Army Superintendent (Mrs Sally Carlton) thought it would be a pity to neglect make-up. Discreetly applied, it smartened girls.

Bomber Awards

CANBERRA, Tues. — Seven RAAF men in bomber crews that have been raiding the Continent are in a new list of bravery awards.

They are: DFC, F/O Charles Beatty Anderson, of Franklin, SA; Bar to DFM, Sgt. Norman Francis Williams, of Leeton, NSW; DFM, Sgt. Leonard Herbert Fushman, of Perth; F/Sgt. Darrell William Cuthbert, of Huon, Tas.; P/O Kenneth Marcus Lyons, of Rockhampton, Q.; and Sgt. Benjamin Sinnamon, of Kew, Vic.

NZ PAYS 3½d. AN EGG

AUCKLAND (NZ), Tuesday. — Eggs cost 3/6 a dozen retail in NZ. Civilians have been rationed to two a week for each household.

Wholly set up and printed by First Aust. Army Printing and Press Unit.

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FREE TO THE TROOPS

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Axis Air Power In Europe Shaken By Loss Of 1918 In 3 Weeks

LONDON, Mon.--Axis air power has been dealt a heavy blow by the loss of 1918 planes in three weeks in Russia and the Mediterranean area. including 304 off Southern Italy in the last four days.

In addition, figures just released put enemy losses in the North African campaign at more than 2000 planes. A feature has been the small cost to the Allies—1 to 18 in the Mediterranean and 1 to 5 in Russia.

SHOWING TARGETS in Strategic Air Force's non-stop bombing of Italian island bases. — Sun Pic.

Enemy resistance has stiffened off the toe of Italy and Allied bombers have had to fighr their way through to their targets =but Sicily and Sardinia are still taking a terrific pounding.

A trail of destruction spreads from airfield to airfield right across Sicily. Barracks and buildings are wrecked and dromes are strewn with smashed and smouldering aircraft. Pilots can see great fires burning when a long way from the target areas.

"The sky seemed full of planes" said a BBC observer who flew to Sicily in a Flying Fortress. "Wherever you looked you could see bombs bursting.

"On the way back we could see an Allied convoy making its way quietly through the Straits of Sicily without any sign of being molested."

Fifty medium bombers night-raided Messina (Sicily); others attacked Southern Italy. Wellingtons smashed dromes in Sicily.

Fortresses escorted by Lightnings fought 50 enemy fighters. Seven enemy fighters were shot down and nine planes on the ground were destroyed.

Straits Shot Up

Warhawks shot up a radio station in Sardinia. Widespread attacks were made on Sicily, Sardinia and the Italian coast by fighters and fighter-bombers seeking planes or ships crossing the straits.

Twenty-two enemy planes were destroyed for the loss of four, making the score for four days 304 to 17.

In Russia, too, the Luftwaffe has taken a beating. Thirteen planes shot down north of Novorossick yesterday made the total 313 in a week at a cost of 61.

Long-range Planes Bombed Exmouth

CANBERRA, Mon.—Bombers with a cruising range of 2700 miles with a 1500 lb. bomb load are believed to have been used in the week-end raids on Exmouth Gulf (WA), says Hugh Dash, war correspondent.

They are Mitsubushi Type 1 bombers. Exmouth Gulf is the southernmost point raided in West Australia.

ENGLISH TOWNS SUFFER IN HEAVY SUNDAY RAIDS

LONDON, Monday.—Sweeping in from sea level at lunch-time, German fighter-bombers caused heavy casualties among civilians in two coast towns in SE England.

It was the worst raid these towns had had. Shops were demolished, hotels were razed and people were killed or burned to death in their homes.

The bells of a church went on pealing during the raid. The singing of hymns was interrupted by the clang of fire engines. Three enemy planes were shot down.

There were heavy casualties in a night raid on NE England, too.

WOMEN ENGINEERS FIRST SHOP TALK

LONDON, Mon.—History was made in London when the first conference of women shop stewards of the Engineering Union was held.

Twenty-six delegates represented 64,000 women unionists. The destruction of Facism, maximum production, 100 per cent. trades unionism, higher wages for women and better health and welfare services in the factories were urged.

LATE NEWS

LONDON, Mon.—Announced today RAF has made heaviest raid of war on Germany. Details not yet available.

Warns of Drastic Transport Cuts

MELBOURNE, Monday.—Drastic cuts in the number of motor vehicles serving essential transport needs were forecast by the Emergency Road Transport chairman. Fuel and rubber shortages and scarcity of spares and manpower to service vehicles compelled conservation.

WAAAF Beryl Williams leaps into the air during a eurythmic display on a Sydney beach.—Sun, Syd.

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WAR PRISONER

PRISONER IN TUNISIA is Gottfried von Cramm, German tennis ace, who ranked No. 2 world player in 1936. He was arrested by the Gestapo in 1938, on his return from Australia, and charged with moral delinquency. Later he was released. — Sun, Syd.

MANPOWER CALLS STYMIE GOLFERS

SYDNEY, Mon.-Golfers are protesting vigorously at a manpower call-up of greenkeepers on metropolitan links.

Golf was not the prerogative of the leisured class, said the secretary of Eastlake club (Mr Cronin). Most players were war workers or servicemen on leave. They were just at entitled to relaxation as the thousands going to football and races.

The Deputy Manpower Director (Mr Bellemore) told a deputation from the golf clubs that use of men as greenkeepers was manpower waste at its worst. If clubs wished to keep their greens in good order, golfers should maintain them in their leisure time. Part of their grounds may be used for growing vegetables, as in Britain.

Membership of the Communist Party in Brisbane had increased from 900 to 3500 since the last State conference, the secretary (Mr C. Jones) said at a party conference in Brisbane.

Growing Tenth of Nation's Cotton

BRISBANE, Mon.—Queensland, sole cotton-growing State, produced only 10,000 of the 100,000 bales of cotton consumed each year by Australian mills, said the general manager of Queensland Cotton Board (Mr J. B. Young).

Main need in the industry was manpower, but even with more labour it would be impossible to meet Australia's requirements.

More Scope For VDC

CANBERRA, Mon.—Men from the VDC are being posted to artillery units, ack ack batteries, coastal defence guns and searchlights. VDC men in industry will be asked to undertake the defence of their factories, thus releasing men for service in forward areas.

SOMETHING TO LEARN FROM ABOS

MELBOURNE, Mon. — Australians could learn something of adult education from the aborigines, declares Mr L. W. Phillips, Director of Technical Education in WA.

He told the Australian Chemical Institute, of which he is president, that one tribe had a complete adult education system.

The old men spent their old age defining words in their tribal language.

Dairymen Facing Critical Winter

MELBOURNE, Mon. — Deepening the threatened milk shortage, farmers supplying Melbourne and Bendigo are reporting to the Milk Board that they will have great trouble carrying on this winter unless they are helped in replacing cows and buying fodder.

The chairman (Mr Packer) said a reply was expected next week from the Prices Commissioner (Prof. Copland) to its request for a subsidy of 2d a gal. for farmers supplying Melbourne and provincial cities.

PILOTS GO BACK

ADELAIDE, Mon.—Two noted SA airmen, Wing Comd. Ronald Cox, AFC, intruder bomber pilot, and S/L Robert Bungey, DFC, Spitfire pilot, have returned to England.

Wing Comd. Cox took part in the first 1000 bomber raid on Germany. S/L Bungey commanded the first RAAF Spitfire squadron formed in Britain.

SAVED MANY LIVES

MELBOURNE, Mon.—Presence of a blood transfusion centre at Pearl Harbour saved thousands of servicemen's lives, the Victorian Red Cross chairman (Dr. J. Newman Morris) told the annual meeting of the Red Cross Blood Donors' Association.

It was this service alone which had kept deaths down to a comparatively small number.

FEDERAL MEMBER P/O

SYDNEY, Mon|—Mr Max Falstein, MHR, has graduated as a pilot officer. He is the first member of any Australian Parliament to gain wings in the RAAF.

TRANSCONTINENTAL BREVITIES

Charged at Ferntree Gully (Vic.) with thefts from houses at Emerald, Gembrook, Monbulk and Robinvale, John Parks, alias John Lee, was committed for trial. A charge of having escaped from custody was adjourned to Robinvale. Parks was arrested on Princes Highway 10 miles from Orbost.

Knocked down by a tram at the corner of Caxton and Castlemaine Streets, Petrie Terrace, Brisbane, Mrs Lucy Walker, 68, of Caxton Street, was killed.

Following Father

MELBOURNE, Mon. The UCP executive has endorsed Private Paul Bailey, son of the Chief Secretary (Mr Bailey) for Port Fairy - Glenelg seat at the State elections.

A club for British servicemen was opened in Melbourne by the Governor (Sir Winston Dugan). It has been established by the Union Jack Club and the English Counties Association.

Initiated by a leading business man, an Institute of Public Affairs has been formed in Melbourne.

A round table conference on providing Sunday night entertainment for servicemen in Melbourne by opening picture shows after church is being sought by the Lord Mayor (Cr. Nettlefold) from the Premier (Mr Dunstan).

A further warning has been issued in Victoria of an early possible cut in electricity supplies for civilian needs.

NSW branch of the RSL has elected Mr J. R. Lewis secretary. He was previously assistant secretary.

Wireless patrol police arrested 25 men in a raid on a club in Smith Street, Fitzroy (Vic.). Later the same night, 30 more were arrested in the same street. All were charged with having been found in a gaming house, and some with the care and management of one.

Panorama Hotel at Bulli Pass (NSW) was partly wrecked when a wall collapsed.

A ceiling price for lemons was agreed to by a Melbourne meeting of representatives of the industry. It allows sellers a 25 p.c. margin above the cost delivered to shops.

On behalf of a Chinese boy, Mie Ling Chung Gon, 2, of Hobart, £10/10/ was given to the Lord Mayor (Cr. Soundy, MHA) as treasurer of the Women's Appeal for Chinese War Orphans. The gift will support an orphan for a year.

At the Victorian elections, 65 Legislative Assembly seats will be contested, but only four in the Legislative Council.

The Victory Shop at Campbelltown (Tas.) has raised £295 for patriotic purposes in 12 months. It is held only fortnightly.

Because of the sudden rise in the price of rabbit skins, ferrets sold at up to 30/ a pair at Geelong (Vic.) market, compared with 5/ to 8/ a pair a month ago.

The DFC has been awarded to P/O A. F. McKinnon, Lancaster pilot, of Myrtle Bank (SA), for meritorious service with the RAF on many raids over Europe.

Struck by a rail motor while walking on the line near Queen's Domain (Hobart), Chester Leslie Shelton, 44, of Sackville Street, was admitted to Royal Hobart Hospital with back injuries.

While timber getting, Roy Kindston, 26, married, of Smithton (Tas.), was killed when a wire hauling a log broke.

Mackerel Netted

HOBART, Mon.—Four tons of mackerel caught by purse seine net at Adventure Bay, Bruny Island (Tas.) are being canned for servicemen.

It is believed to be first commercial catch by this method in Australia.

For sheltering a comrade in a damaged plane and bringing him back to base, Sgt. Edward House, son of a Gnowangerup (WA) farmer, was awarded the DFM. House was on a squadron attached to the Eighth Army.

Efforts are being made to grow more tobacco in SA.

PETROL REGULATIONS TIGHTENED UP

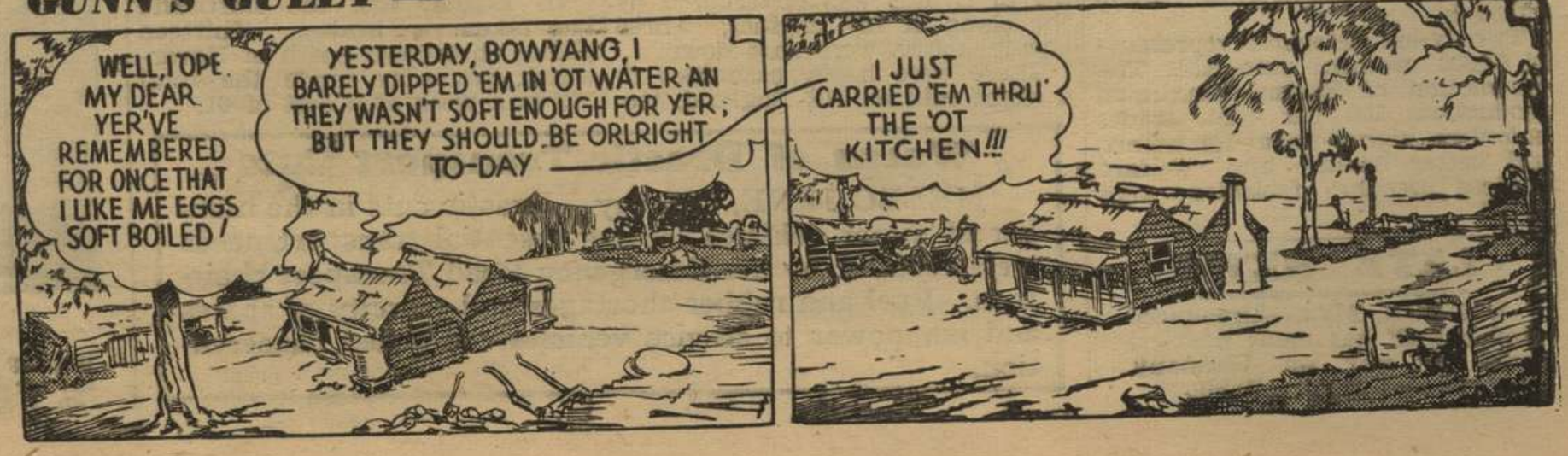
CANBERRA, Mon.—Further steps to check counterfeiting and trafficking in petrol coupons have been taken by the authorities.

Before buying petrol a consumer must produce his petrol licence and the seller must check the particulars with the endorsement on the tickets.

A new National Security regulation requires the registration numbers of vehicles to be endorsed on tickets with the consumer's name and petrol licence number.

Perth girls are finding it hard to get their make-up needs. A ban on the shipping of cosmetics from Sydney to West Aust. has created a famine.

GUNN'S GULLY — —Hot Air!



Gunn's Gully strip by courtesy of The Herald, Melbourne.

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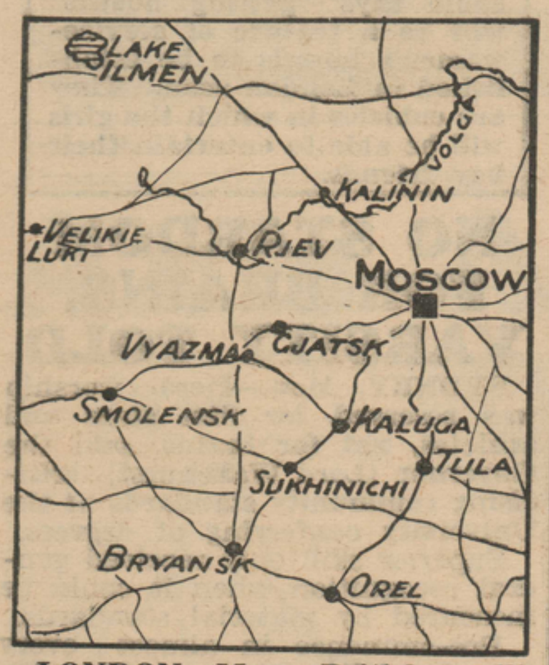
NAZI DRIVE ON MOSCOW SIGNALLED



LONDON, Mon.—British military experts believe that the storm is about to break in Russia.

Taking the weight and direction of the Red Air Force's attacks in the last week as a guide, the military correspondent of the Sunday Despatch believes that Hitler hopes to make another frontal attack on Moscow in the hope of splitting the Russian forces.

He says that most of the Soviet air attacks have been made on the Moscow front, which indicates that the bulk of the 198 Axis divisions in Russia are in this area.

Soviet planes are still inflicting heavy losses on German raiders. Last week 313 enemy planes were shot down for the loss of 61 Russian aircraft—a ratio of five to one.

Winkling Out of Attu's Human Ferrets

NEW YORK, Mon,--The Japs who fought fiercely against the US troops invading Attu Island (Aleutians) had no radios but communicated with each other by blowing notes through bamboo flutes.

The Americans landed silently in dense fog without sleeping bags or tents. They had no sleep or hot food for five days and fought constantly in fog against Japs hidden in shallow fox holes on moss-covered crags in the snowy heights.

The Japs had underground passages through which they retreated when the U.S. guns began to pound their positions.

The Americans have begun a triple drive against the remaining Japs, who are holding out on heights and in mountains. Sharp fighting is going on at 1700ft. One Jap unit is cut off.

The U.S. Navy Department announces that 15 twin-engined Jap bombers unsuccessfully attacked two warships off the island. Evidently they came from an island base 600 miles away.

HOW IT IS DONE

CANBERRA, Mon. — A London cable says the current issue of the Illustrated London News features a page of photographs showing six stages in the destruction of a U-boat which were taken from a Hudson piloted by 22-year-old Mick Jakimov, of Sydney.

ACCIDENT PILES ON ACCIDENT

MELBOURNE, Mon. — As she got out to help Harold Motteck, 49, of Middle Park, struck by her car in Canterbury-rd., Middle Park, Miss Elva Cullinger, of Middle Park, was hit by another car, driven by Robert Black, of St. Kilda. Black's car also hit Thomas Manion, 37, of Middle Park.

Miss Cullinger suffered a cut eye and ankle. Motteck had a leg broken.

TWINS GAIN DFC's

SYDNEY, Mon.—Twin brothers, P/O's A. M. and P. L. Singer, of NZ, have been decorated simultaneously with the DFC for bombing operations over the Continent.

PM On Empire Solidarity

CANBERRA, Mon.—The British Empire had acquired a deeper significance since the Axis had swept away the peace of the world, said the Prime Minister, Mr Curtin (photo), in a special Empire Day message.

This year, more than ever before, the solidarity of the Empire had been shown to the world. The Australian was unemotional and undemonstrative but he was willing to die for country and ideals. For 156 years men and women had toiled to make Australia a great country but our children would be given a magnificent heritage only if we were still free.

The way to victory and an enduring peace would be hard but the task would be easier if every person co-operated fully in subordinating every other consideration to the successful prosecution of the war.

Japs Fare Badly In Air Battles Over Burma

LONDON, Monday.—In two heavy air fights over Burma, the Japs lost 12 planes shot down and five probables, with 12 damaged, at a cost to the Allies of three planes.

Four bombers and three fighters of a Jap force which attacked Chittagong were shot down, states a communique from New Delhi.

Hurricanes intercepted the enemy, 20 bombers and 11 fighters, and running fights went on over a wide area.

In addition to the seven planes destroyed, one Jap bomber and one fighter were probably shot down and four bombers and two fighters damaged.

RAF losses were two fighters but one pilot has returned and the other is believed to be safe.

The raid was made from a high level and no serious damage was caused. The casualties include a small number of dead.

The RAF attacked many targets, including a launch and enemy positions, in Burma.

Twenty-five Jap fighters intercepted a force of U.S. bombers attacking an oil town on the Irrawaddy River. Five fighters were destroyed, three probably destroyed and six were damaged for the loss of one bomber.

Charged under the Black Marketing Act with having sold goods worth £21/19/2 without getting the necessary coupons, Andrew Forrest Windred, manager of McLeod's Men's Store, Bourke Street, Melbourne, was released in the City Court on a £50 two years' good behaviour bond.

LIQUIDATION OF COMINTERN

LONDON, Mon.—"An important and generous gesture towards closer relations with other members of the United Nations," is how the London Observer describes Russia's decision to dissolve the Comintern.

The BBC's industrial commentator states it might help the trade unions in Britain to solve difficulties arising from Communism.

CANBERRA, Mon.—The Communist party in Australia will continue to base its activities on the teachings of Marx, Lenin and Stalin, said the General Secretary of the Communist Party (Mr Miles).

New Shipping Plan

CANBERRA, Mon.—Speeding-up of ship repairs was discussed with the Prime Minister (Mr Curtin) by a conference of shipping interests and naval authorities.

A plan to build 6000-ton ships instead of 10,000 tonners as the Commonwealth's basic shipbuilding programme was also discussed.

SPORTING INFORMATION

Opponents had misrepresented the Sydney Turf Club Bill, said the NSW Chief Secretary (Mr Baddeley). He denied that the Bill might involve the State in a heavy loss of money. A compensation fund would be established under the Bill to compensate clubs which lost their licences.

The NSW Transport Board has asked the State Soccer Association and State Soccer League for details of players' movements at the week-end. An attempt by the Association to end the dispute with the League failed on Sunday.

ALABAMA KID misses with a left as Jack McNamee moves in rapidly with right glove raised, in their recent bout at Sydney Stadium. The Kid won on points. — Sun, Sydney.

Total of winners this season for F. W. Hoysted, leading Vic. trainer, was increased to 21 when Sun Bonnet won the Canterbury Handicap at Mentone on Saturday.

A. Gollogley, a leading Sydney apprentice, was suspended for a month for causing interference to Cockrow in the Nursery Handicap at Canterbury on Saturday. With the suspension at Randwick of J. Thompson, best NSW apprentice, and T. Webster for two months a few weeks ago, there is a shortage of prominent jockeys in Sydney. E. Bartle has just completed two months' suspension.

Cpl. G. Young cannot understand why his apprentice son, George, does not get more mounts in Sydney. Cpl. Young was a prominent jockey in NZ and won the Epsom, Victoria Derby and Caulfield Cup. Young George showed promise when he won 29 races, including 11 at Randwick, in his first season. He won the Newcastle Cup on Goose Boy.

About 500 of Brisbane's 700 bookmakers, clerks and trainers have replied to a manpower questionnaire. One trainer said he had broken both ankles, a leg, all ribs on the left side, had been unconscious for a week, and had had stones removed from his bladder and kidneys. The official reply was "We think we can find some essential war work for him."

Sgt. Frank Strafaci (U.S. Army) and Fred Catropa (U.S. Air Force) spent six days' leave in Sydney playing golf. Strafaci is one of America's leading amateurs and Catropa is a New York professional. Although using borrowed clubs, Strafaci had the following scores: Concord 69, Eleanora 69, Australian 70 and 72. Catropa had lost 3 st., but was near par on these courses, too.

Promoters of Sydney and Leichhardt Stadiums have agreed to support each other's disqualification of boxers. A boxer disqualified at one stadium will not be matched at the other.

David Bowen, former well-known Brisbane soccer player, was drowned in the Centaur sinking. Bowen, who was 31, played for Brisbane. He was also interested in amateur boxing and cycling.

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HAZARDOUS JOB

FROM THE PRECARIOUS maintenance platform, a flight engineer with an Australian squadron of Coastal Command examines a damaged propeller of a Sunderland flying boat. — Sun Pictorial.

Flier, Lost 5 Months In Bush, Wrote Epitaph On Hut

CANBERRA, Mon.--A terrible story of privations --two of his officers died of starvation--is told by S/Sgt Gaston, of Alabama, who has been rescued after being lost in Northern Australia for five months.

The petrol of a US bomber gave out while it was returning from a raid on Rabaul last December, and the crew baled out in wild, uninhabited country.

S/Sgt Gaston saw three officers die, one swimming a flooded creek and the other two of starvation. Little hope is held for the rescue of three other members of the crew, who are still missing.

When rescued, S/Sgt Gaston was on the point of death. His weight had dropped from 12st. to 7st. and he had kept himself alive by eating snakes, berries and the carcases of animals left by dingoes.

He had written his epitaph on the wall of a bush hut when found by a native.

RAKING IT IN

SYDNEY, Mon.—Men with garden rakes are dragging seaweed worth £60 a ton dry from the harbour. The seaweed yields agar, a jelly used in canning meat and fish. Before the war it came from Japan.

PETTING BOOTHS

SYDNEY, Mon.—A London cable says "petting booths" will be a feature of service-women's hostels to be established in London soon. They are cubicles in which the girls will be able to entertain their boy friends.

NO STARDOM FOR BRAINS, VARSITY TOLD

SYDNEY, Mon.—Hero worship was reserved for film stars and athletes, not for brains, said the Governor (Lord Wakehurst), criticising community standards at the University conferring of degrees.

Superior skill only received general recognition when it could be measured by material standards.

Pre-eminence in almost every branch of life was regarded with utmost suspicion. The prevailing mistrust of anyone in authority was responsible for many of the nation's troubles.

"We are so anxious to avoid dictatorship that we are apt to resent even that minimum of authority necessary to hold the community together," he said.

Five Ballot To Oppose Dedman

MELBOURNE, Mon. — There are five nominations for endorsement as UAP candidate for Corio against the War Organisation Minister (Mr Dedman) at the Federal elections.

They are R. C. Curnow, of Heidelberg, member of the central RSL executive; H. J. Gibbs, former town clerk at Geelong West; F. N. Levin, of Carlton, manufacturer; F/Lt. Alan Moyle, Laverton Air Force Depot, journalist, and F. S. Preacher, RN.

The pre-selection convention will be held on Thursday.

SHORT RATIONS TROUBLE SYDNEY

SYDNEY, Mon.—Sydney suffered a week-end of short food rations, the most serious being milk and eggs.

People clamoured for milk as a 50 per cent. cut in household supplies came into operation.

The Egg Board chairman (Mr R. C. Blake) said fewer eggs would be available next week because of recent heavy rain and exhaustion of cold storage supplies.

Dietitians and doctors are advocating priorities in milk and eggs for mothers and children, as in England.

BUTTER SUBSIDY

SYDNEY, Mon.—Under the butter subsidy plan, about 1/5 or 1/6 would be the average price paid to farmers for all butter sold internally or externally, the Prices Commissioner (Prof. Copland) told dairying representatives at Grafton.

All the Government was waiting for was a decision by the Arbitration Court in a basic wage case. The subsidy would date from April 1.

Brothers Stabbed

SYDNEY, Mon.—Quinton Ware, 30, and Leonard Ware, 24, brothers, of Clovelly, were stabbed in Bourke-st., Darlinghurst, early yesterday. Quinton was seriously wounded.

They told police a man asked them for a drink. When they said they had none, he stabbed them and drove off in a taxi.

STRIP GARAGED CARS

MELBOURNE, Mon. — Thieves who broke into a private garage in Melbourne stole wheels and parts worth £230. They jacked up cars and removed wheels and tyres.

BOMBS RAIN FOR HOUR ON KAVIENG SHIPPING

CANBERRA, Monday.—For over an hour in moonlight early this morning, Flying Fortresses bombed shipping in the harbour at Kavieng (New Ireland) and the drome.

The Fortresses made a return trip of 1200 to 1400 miles for the raid.

Damage could not be assessed because of darkness, but a close miss within 15ft. of an 8000-ton ship was observed.

Gasmata drome (New Britain), in the same area, was also attacked by heavy bombers, which caused fires in dispersal areas. Liberators shot down two of 10 Jap interceptors without loss.

Elsewhere on New Britain, heavy reconnaissance planes bombed the Jap-occupied village of Obili, says today's communique from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters.

Forty Jap barges or canoes were machine-gunned when bombers and long-range fighters bombed and strafed the coast at Salamaua. Dromes at Koepang and Dilli, on Timor, were bombed by medium units.

A lone Jap plane raided Port Moresby after dark without causing damage.

Wins New Air Award

SYDNEY, Mon.—First RAAF man to win the new flying award — the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal—is Sgt. Arthur Blackwell, of Bronte. The award ranks above the DFM. Until last January it was a naval decoration, which was also awarded to airmen serving with the Fleet.

TRIBUTE TO RED ARMY

LONDON, Mon.—A tribute to the Red Army was paid by the Allied C-in-C in North Africa (Gen. Eisenhower), replying to congratulations from the Soviet Chief of Staff on the Tunisian victory. He said that throughout the operations he was inspired by the brilliant performance of the Red Army.

JAPS CALLED "COOEE" AS CENTAUR SANK

BRISBANE, Mon. — Calling "Cooee" from their surfaced submarine, the Japs who sank the Australian hospital ship Centaur tried to trick survivors.

Describing this, Sister Eleanor Savage, the only woman survivor, said that after they had heard the "Cooees" a man on her raft who had been in Rabaul said, "Don't answer. They are Japs. Our sailors never say 'Cooee', they say 'Ahoy'."

The survivors kept quiet and drifted clear.

Sister Savage is still very weak from shock. She is in a Queensland military hospital.

SYDNEY, Mon.—The Japanese commander at Salamaua sent a message to Australian troops telling them he was going to have a crack at them, soldiers from New Guinea say.

"They are men who fought for 11 months in Wau, Mubo, Salamaua and Lae areas.

Blitz On Europe

LONDON, Mon. — There has been no slackening in the day and night attacks of the RAF on Germany and the occupied countries. A raid on Germany followed a day of attacks on land transport and shipping.

A tanker and an armed trawler were hit by fire from RAF fighters off Guernsey, and two other vessels were riddled with cannon fire.

Typhoons surprised a convoy entering Flushing Harbour and left one ship on fire. Venturas attacked coke ovens at Zeebrugge (Holland). They had a Spitfire escort and suffered no losses. Seven trains were shot up in France by Mustangs.

Credit Exponent Dead

LONDON, Mon.—The Douglas Credit Premier of Alberta, Canada (Mr William Eberhart), is dead. Mr Eberhart led the first Douglas Credit Government in the world. It was elected eight years ago.

Astronomic Gastronomy

CANBERRA, Monday. — Australia's production of defence foodstuffs this year is estimated at 1,000,000,000 lbs.

A wide range of samples is displayed at Parliament House, including emergency rations, the 1943 production of which will be 1,000,000 tins.

They contain dried meat and vegetable tablets, which can be made into stew or rissoles, or eaten uncooked.

Wholly set up and printed by First Aust. Army Printing and Press Unit.

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FREE TO THE TROOPS

TABLE TOPS

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Italy Shocked As Aircraft Toll Reaches 282 In 3 Days

LONDON, Sunday.--The savagery of the Allies' all-out air offensive has shocked Italy. Allied planes have continuously pounded Italian island bases for more than 100 hours.

Yesterday, they destroyed another 96 enemy planes on the ground and in the air, bringing the 3 days' total to 282. For this result, the Allies have lost only 13 aircraft.

Admitting heavy damage, Rome radio says, "We Italians never expected a war like this." Allied HQ in North Africa describes Friday, when 113 Axis planes were destroyed, as "one of the greatest days in the history of the Strategic air force."

Yesterday Allied planes made another series of widespread day and night raids. Mitchells and Marauders gave airfields in Sardinia a pasting, while Liberators from the Middle East battered the mainland terminuses of the ferry between Italy and Sicily.

Flying Fortresses wrecked 41 enemy planes on the ground at an aerodrome in Sicily.

Sleepless Berlin

There has been no slackening in attacks on Europe. The people of Berlin, which was bombed for the third successive night, have had less sleep in the last week than in any other week of the war.

Mosquitoes, attacking the city for the sixth time in 9 nights,, met an intense barrage and many fighters and searchlights. One had an engine put out of action by flak and dived to rooftop height before the pilot regained control. He flew all the way across Europe at that height.

London Rests

Five enemy ships east of Cherbourg were attacked and one merchant ship was sunk. A trawler was also sunk and another damaged.

Mosquitoes and Beaufighters attacked targets in many parts of Northern France and damaged four locomotives. Five bombers and a fighter are missing.

Last night London had its first night free from alerts for a week. Germany's best day fighter, the FW190 fighter-bomber, has proved unprofitable for night escort. In recent raids on England up to 33 per cent. of the Focke Wulfs have been shot down.

Malta has been raided for the first time since December. Thirty-six enemy planes made the raid and two were shot down. Damage was slight.

Patriots' Vengeance

LONDON, Sun.—The entire garrison of an Italian stronghold in Yugoslavia has been wiped out or captured by patriots.

Fourteen Italian officers and 319 men were killed and 400 other Italian soldiers surrendered.

SUSPENDED on the branch of a tree, this U.S. army paratrooper found himself in need of help when the wind affected his landing. He got safely down. — Sun Pictorial.

SAYS CRISIS FACES AXIS

LONDON, Sun.—"I know where the Allied blow will fall but I'm not going to tell the enemy or the public," said the Minister for Production (Mr Oliver Lyttleton).

Mr Lyttleton (photo) said the Allies had captured bases in the Mediterranean from which they could strike, but perhaps the blow would not fall in that area. Another crisis had developed but this time it was one for the Axis. In April the Allies dropped 11,000 tons of bombs on Europe—about half the weight dropped by the Germans on Britain in all 1941. The total would keep rising.

NAZI ROUT OVER KURSK

MOSCOW, Sun.—Sixty-five of a force of Axis planes which tried to raid Kursk were shot down, says a special communique.

Fifty-six were shot down in combat and nine by ack ack. Only 10 Russian fighters were lost.

Soviet fighters met the raiders before they reached the city, and only a few got through. Buildings were damaged and there were some casualties.

VIC. COAL CRISIS

MELBOURNE, Sun. — Unless there was a big improvement in the supply of coal to Victoria, rail services would have to be reduced and gas rationed further, said the Premier (Mr Dunstan).

Representations had again been made to the Federal Government about the acute position of coal stocks, the NSW strikes having had disastrous effects.

PRUNES ARE ON

MELBOURNE, Sun.—Civilians can have their prunes again. Two distributions will be made soon. Service requirements have been met, it is announced, and there is a residue.

LONG WAR YET, BUT IT'S GOING WELL—CHURCHILL

WASHINGTON, Sunday. — "I expect a long war, but everything is going well at present," said Mr Churchill, addressing the British Embassy staff at Washington.

"Possibly that proud German Army will collapse as it did in the last war and recently in Tunisia, but there is no reason to expect a sudden deliverance."

The Chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission (Rear Admiral Land) also warned against over-optimism. "The enemy is on the run, but he is not yet beaten," he said. "We've done a good job, but there is a tougher one ahead."

At the end of June, U.S. shipyards would have delivered 700 ships this year and this month's total of merchant vessels would break the record, 157, made in April, he said.

Guarantees to U.S.

LONDON, Sun.—America has now been given actual guarantees of more assistance in the fight against Japan, says Mr J. L. Garvin, veteran British journalist, commenting on Mr Churchill's speech to Congress.

Formerly the U.S. had had only verbal assurances. Mr Churchill had pledged to safeguard Australian and NZ interests in the Pacific as sacredly as he had pledged to liberate occupied Europe.

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NATION'S BIGGEST TB HOME FOR S.A.

ADELAIDE, Sun.--Plans have been completed for an industrial tuberculosis colony in SA, the biggest in the Commonwealth. It is based on the English system.

A state-wide publicity campaign will be held to raise funds.

HOBART, Sun. — Mass X-ray examinations are planned by the Government in a campaign to eradicate TB. It is estimated about 30,000 will be examined the first year.

A committee has been appointed to inquire into the State's milk supply and ensure pure milk.

WAAAF POLICE

ADELAIDE, Sun.—The WAAAF is to have its own service police force. Between 40 and 50 candidates have just been interviewed in Adelaide and those chosen will undergo five weeks' training in Air Force law at Service Police HQ, Melbourne. One officer and 16 corporals and sergeants will be sent to each State.

It is not proposed to have a distinguishing armband, but a special insignia will be worn on the lapel.

Protest March In Front Of Train

PERTH, Sun.—Like mourners at a funeral, 50 men and women munition workers, coming off night shift, walked slowly into Central Station in front of their train.

When another train appeared to be given right of way at a suburban station as they were coming in, the indignant munition workers jumped out and their train had to puff slowly behind them all the way to Perth.

At Central Station they demanded to see the station master.

OLD RIFLES FOR WAR ON PESTS

MELBOURNE, Sunday. — Farmers can now buy Martini-Enfield .303 rifles from the army to exterminate pests. Price is £1 and for £3 more a maximum supply of 500 rounds can be bought.

Answering criticism of the release of the rifles the Army Minister, Mr Forde (photo), said they were single shot weapons converted from the old Martini-Henry back in 1900.

FLYING TACKLE STOPS MAD AXEMAN

SYDNEY, Sun.—Running amok with an axe, a man threatened school children at Brookvale yesterday.

Const. Neal, of Manly, who was waiting for a bus, saw him rush across the road at the children, whirling the axe. Neal brought him down with a flying tackle and took him to a reception home.

9 NARROWLY ESCAPE IN TRAM BLAZE

HOBART, Sun. — When the front of a tram with nine passengers caught fire at the corner of Elizabeth and Lefroy Streets, a girl ran through the flames to escape, Laurie Coughlin, 16, of Station-st., Moonah, cut his arm breaking a window, and a policeman smashed other windows with an axe to get people out, before the rear door was opened.

Coughlin was taken to Royal Hobart Hospital. Hobart brigade put the fire out.

Church Views On de facto Widows

BRISBANE, Sun.—A motion deploring Federal legislation granting pensions to de facto widows was rejected by the State Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Such legislation was breaking down the social fabric and undermining marriage ideals, said the Rev. J. Sinclair, submitting the motion, but Mr J. Campbell, welfare worker, said people could be proud of many de facto wives who, when deserted, had stood by their children.

Bombed The Dams

ADELAIDE, Sun.—The RAF airmen who breached the dams in the Ruhr included P/O Fred Stafford, of Wayville, and F/Lt David Shannon, of Bridgewater. Australians in the raid were described as "top-flighters—brilliant pilots and great bomb aimers and gunners."

Foresees Sea Clash

LONDON: A clash between the Japanese and U.S. fleets in the Pacific is possible at any time, according to the naval correspondent of the Daily Mail.

He states that a powerful force of U.S. battleships is grouping in the Pacific.

TRANSCONTINENTAL BREVITIES

Annual nurses' church parade commemorating the birth of Florence Nightingale was held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church (Perth).

Fed with aspirin tablets by her three-year-old brother, who thought they were chocolates, Jeanette Corston, four months, of Virginia (SA), died from poisoning.

Cheques worth £2500 from the sale of a book, Know Your Enemy, by Mr J. V. Bartlett, last war veteran, were handed over to representatives of the Blinded Soldiers' Association, the War Blinded Welfare Committee, and the Civilian Blind Welfare Association at the Adelaide Returned Soldiers' Club.

COLD TRAVEL

SYDNEY, Sun. — Sydney railway porters at a mass meeting decided they would not put footwarmers in country and interstate trains unless the Commissioners granted claims for holidays and more help in their work. Footwarmers are due to be installed now.

Adelaide's Lord Mayor, Col. A. S. Hawker, will seek election for a third term at the municipal elections. He will be opposed by Ald. Reg. Walker, who is due to retire as alderman in July.

Queensland Government paid more than £43,000 to local authorities, in the past 11 years, as a subsidy for the destruction of more than 700,000 pests—marsupials, dingoes, wild pigs, foxes, eaglehawks, crows and hares.

Born in Tasmania, Mr William Boucher, of Wellington St., Hobart, was 99 on Saturday. He was a plumber in Hobart for many years.

Within half an hour, the Rev. H. Doudney officiated at the 1000th marriage and 1000th christening ceremony at Holy Trinity Church, Balaclava (Melbourne) during the 21 years he has been vicar there.

Hotels in Perth and Fremantle were raided by manpower officers. Five out of six of those interviewed were women.

Bags of flour, lifebuoys and hatch covers, apparently from a ship sunk recently, were washed up on beaches on the NSW central coast.

Milk supply position is becoming worse daily in Melbourne and a rationing plan will be drawn up by the Milk Board tomorrow giving highest priorities to householders, nursing mothers, hospitals and school children.

Applications received in the first two days after the Brisbane civilian accommodation bureau opened totalled 167. **Only** 12 offers of accommodation were received. Most people wanted rooms or small flats.

Lateness of seasonal rains in WA has seriously affected some agricultural areas. Meanwhile the State is having sunny weather.

A maize yield of 3,100,000 bus. is expected in NSW from the maize crop now being harvested. Last year's yield was 3,141,720 bus.

Former chaplain at Caulfield Military Hospital (Vic.), the Rev. Frank Apted has died, aged 71.

Slumped over the wheel of his taxi, Stephen Kostanich, of Subiaco (WA), was found dead in his garage, apparently from carbon monoxide poisoning. The blower of his gas producer was still running.

Immediately after the war, Melbourne Tramways Board plans to spend up to £300,000 on building new lines and reconditioning old ones as the first step in a long-range programme. Reasons are to meet an expected influx fo British migrants and cut down unemployment.

About 950,000 ration books will be distributed throughout Queensland on June 5 and 6 by 4300 departmental officers.

Trampled by a draught horse at the farm of his grandparents, Mr and Mrs W. Boal, Kyvalley (Vic.), Robert Campbell, 4, twin son of Mr and Mrs J. Campbell, died in Kyabram Hospital.

Still hale, Mrs Mary Budge, of Ballarat (Vic.) has celebrated her 102nd birthday. Born in London, she came to Victoria in 1849 and has lived in Ballarat for 88 years.

People suffering from V.D. or with strong mental deficiencies should not be allowed to marry, the president of the Royal College of Physicians of Australasia (Sir Trent de Crespigny) told the Commonwealth Committee on Social Security at Adelaide.

Woman Discovers Important Drug

ADELAIDE, Sunday.—Experiments with the new drug, penicillin, at Adelaide University, have resulted in the discovery of penecidin, which is antagonistic to more germs than penicillin.

Uses of the drugs are similar to those of the sulphanilimide group. Miss Nancy Atkinson, bacteriologist, is responsible for the discovery of the new drug, penecidin. She is trying to purify it so that it can be put into general use.

SCATTERS CASH

SYDNEY, Sun.—Chased by police as he ran with £180, a man dropped £30 in packages of silver and coppers underneath a lorry.. The man, and a woman, were sent from a hotel to the bank for change.. On the way back the man is alleged to have run off with the money.

GUNN'S GULLY — —Contradiction In Terms

Gunn's Gully strip by courtesy of The Herald, Melbourne.

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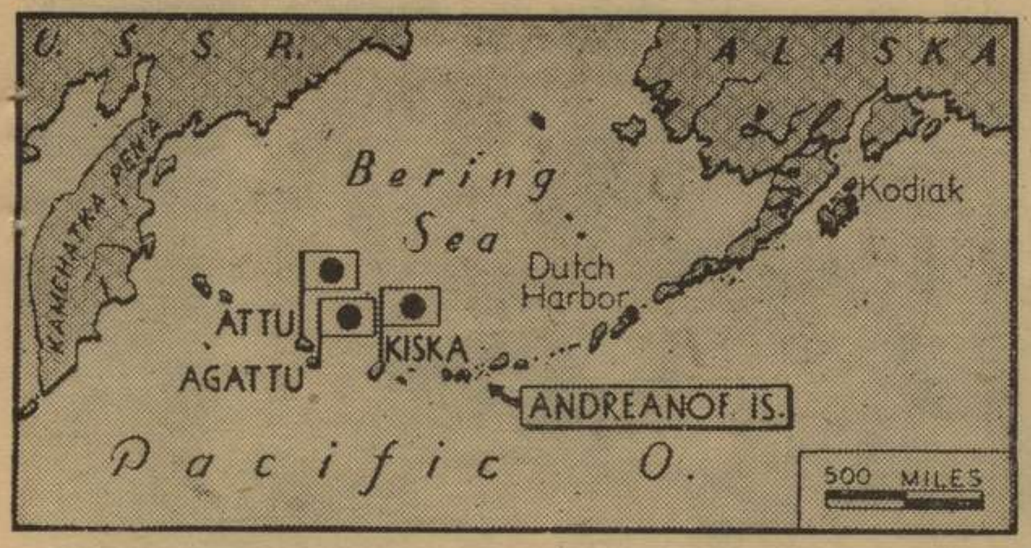
ATTU SUCCESS PERILS 10,000 KISKA JAPS



THIS MAP IS OUT OF DATE—but only on Saturday it was in date. Difference today is that the Jap flag no longer flies over Attu. From Attu to Tokio is 2300 miles. — Sun, Sydney.

LONDON, Sunday—Ten thousand Japanese troops on Kiska Island (Aleutians) are facing annihilation from the successful U.S. invasion of Attu.

The U.S. Navy and Air Force control the seas and skies, and war correspondents say Kiska can be reduced by bombing alone.

Berlin Radio admits that the campaign on Attu is over. It states that although Kiska is more important, the capture of Attu has given the Allies a base from which four-engined bombers can strike at the industrial centres of Japan.

Only mopping up remains to be done on Attu. U.S. fighters are supporting the ground forces.

ITALIAN DOUBTS

LONDON, Sat.—Rome Radio has been trying to reassure the Italian people that the Germans will not desert them. "The idea that Germany will abandon Italy is just as absurd as that Italy intends to abandon Germany," states the radio.

Believes U-Boat Morale Slipping

LONDON, Sun .— The results achieved in the fight against U-boats in the Bay of Biscay and other places are encouraging.

They have been better on the Atlantic convoy routes and the improvement in kills seems to be having an effect on U-boat crews, said the First Lord of the Admiralty (Mr Alexander).

Escort ships and planes report that U-boat packs are failing to press home attacks after they have suffered initial losses.

This may be an important pointer to a deteriorating morale, which was a big factor in combating the U-boats in the last war.

Blow To Goebbels

LONDON, Sun.—The dissolution of the Third International in Russia will be a great blow to Nazi propagandists, state newspaper commentators.

The Nazis depended on the Comintern as evidence of Russia's plan to dominate Europe.

Mystery of Jap Admiral's Death

NEW YORK, Sun.--US naval men are surprised at the Tokio radio report that Admiral Yamamoto, C-in-C of the Combined Japanese Fleet, was killed in action.

They are not aware of any sea or air engagement in the South Pacific in April sufficiently important for him to be there.

Some authorities suggest that Admiral Yamamoto was identified with so many reverses in the last year that he committed hara kiri.

Another suggestion was that he was killed when a passenger plane crashed at Singapore.

The New York Herald Tribune questions whether the death of the admiral will help the Allies. Yamamoto, who planned the Pearl Harbour attack, has been succeeded by Admiral Mineichi Koga. Lauding Yamamoto's "eternally imperishable services," Tokio Radio says he enabled Japan to establish "an unshakable position" in the Pacific.

GERMAN DONETZ ATTACK BROKEN

LONDON, Sun.—A battalion of German infantry was wiped out in trying to re-take fortified positions on one sector of the Lisichansk front in Russia.

Soviet troops have widened their bridgeheads on the western bank of the Donetz River in this area.

The Germans report the strengthening of the Russian thrust towards Lisichansk, the northern entrance to the industrial and coalmining district known as the Donetz Basin.

Chinese Airmen In Strong Raid

LONDON, Sun. — Chinese airmen, flying a strong force of U.S. planes, made a low level attack on a Japanese headquarters in China.

For the third successive day, about 100 tons of bombs were dropped by U.S. planes on Jap bases and supply lines in Burma. The RAF was also active.

Round-clock Burma Bombing

LONDON, Sunday.—U.S. and RAF planes are giving the Japanese in Burma a taste of round-the-clock bombing.

Targets attacked by the RAF included railways, aerodromes, enemy positions on the Upper Chindwin River, objectives at Akyab and marshalling yards at Mandalay.

Returning from a raid, U.S. bombers met 25 Jap fighters. Five enemy planes were shot down, three probably destroyed and six others damaged. The Allies lost 3 planes altogether.

SPORTING ITEMS FROM THE STATES

MELBOURNE, Sunday.—Tea Cake, who showed great promise as a three-year-old, returned to form at Mentone yesterday. Vale challenged near the post in the Winchester Handicap but Tea Cake won by a head.

Tea Cake started favorite at 5/2, although his form was not impressive. Vale was second favorite at 6/1. King Syce, having his first start in Melbourne, finished third at 100/1.

Foreigner staged a remarkable reversal of form in winning the hurdle race at 33/1. Sun Bonnet, starting at 15/1, won the Canterbury Handicap, with his heavily-backed stablemate, Star Valley, unplaced. Results:—

GAMBIER TRIAL HURDLE. — FOREIGNER (3/1), 1; Mitta Grange (9/2), 2; Aurated (8/1), 3.

CANTERBURY HCP. — SUN BONNET (15/1), 1; Stygian (9/2), 2; Pyrenee (50/1), 3.

EXETER HCP. — BROTHER BILL (7/1), 1; Two Vals (3/1), 2; Judith Louise (8/1), 3.

WINCHESTER HCP. — TEA CAKE (5/2), 1; Vale (6/1), 2; King Syce (100/1), 3.

ASCOT THOUSAND.—SCARLET TOI (5/1), 1; Darraweit (9/1), 2; Cloudy Bay (12/1), 3.

BRISTOL HCP.—MOR VEIL (7/2), 1; Furies (8/1), 2; Happy Go Lucky (7/2), 3.

SCARBOROUGH HCP. — LUCILLE (6/1), 1; Royal Peter (11/2), 2; Chatasan (20/1), 3.

PERTH TROTS

Queen's Gift was cheered at Perth trots when she won the main event. The favorite, King's Guide, was second, Black Bertsea third, and Kolrock fourth. Other notable winners were Von Sheik at 20/1 and Royal Sheik at 5/4.

FOOTBALL

Perth. — Subiaco 12.3 d. Claremont 6.8; West Perth 23.17 d. East Perth 11.5; East Fremantle 18.19 d. Perth 11.11; Swans 24.22 d. South Fremantle 10.9.

BOXING

Perth. — Gordon McCaully knocked out Reg Layton for the State light-heavyweight title.

Adelaide.—Kid Delaney, former Vic. boxer, knocked out Syl Bowman, of Whyalla, in the main bout. Other bouts: Colin Goode d. Bruce Hick, k.o.; Bill James d. Bobby Davis, pts.

Brisbane. — Bout between Johnny Hudek, U.S. sailor welterweight, and Art Davis, Brisbane welterweight, was declared a draw after Hudek seemed to have won six out of 10 rounds. Some spectators demonstrated, but Hudek made a technical error by boxing too much on the retreat in the closing rounds.

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Leading SA cricketer, F/O Ken Ridings, has been reported missing in an air operation over Europe. Ridings was opening bat for the State and West Torrens. He was picked recently for an all-Australian XI. in England against a team chosen by P. F. Warner.

Starting barriers have been installed on Elwick Showgrounds racecourse (Tas.) and are now being used instead of a flag start.

For striking the referee at Leichhardt Stadium, Bobby Rivers, boxer, has been barred from bouts there for three months.

War bonds will take the place of trophies for the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups this year. The owner of the Caulfield Cup winner will receive bonds worth £150. Regarding the Melbourne Cup, it is expected the winning owner will be given £200 worth of bonds, which can be exchanged for a gold cup after the war is over.

The balloting axe falls heavily in Melbourne these days. For the Ascot meeting at Mentone on Saturday, 94 horses were balloted out of five races and three others had their entries rejected because they were doubly engaged. Thus there wre nearly 100 horses too many for the meeting,, enough to hold another meeting. The trouble is there are too many poor horses in work.

Many trainers in Melbourne have large teams of yearlings. One of the largest is trained by H. Freedman (photo) at Mentone. Star of his team is a colt by Golden Sovereign from Herowinkle, who has given the turf Hall Mark, Pure Gold, Some Hero, Princess Cynthia and West Point, a smart Sydney two - year - old. The Golden Sovereign colt cost 1250 gns. as a yearling. Another 1000 gns. colt in Freedman's stable is the Gay Lothario—Wrapper colt, who is a brother to Burberry.

Among members of the RAAF who represented London clubs in the opening round of the cricket season was F/O C. N. Falkinder, of Hobart, who played for Wanderers against Guy's Hospital. In the clubrooms F/O Falkinder saw a photograph of his grandfather, who played football for Guy's Hospital and England more than 50 years ago.

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Amazing Pearl Harbour Comeback: 14 Ships Restored

NEW YORK, Sun.--Fourteen of the 19 US warships damaged by the Japanese in their surprise raid on Pearl Harbour have returned to active service.

A special US Navy Department communique announces this, and US newspapers hail it as one of the greatest salvage achievements in history.

Before rejoining the fleet, the 14 warships were modernised. They have become more powerful units of a U.S. Fleet which is even stronger than at the outbreak of the Pacific war.

Only two of the 19 warships damaged in the Jap attack will be a total loss. These are a destroyer and the battleship Arizona.

Even the capsized battleship Oklahoma has been refloated.

Axis Has Lost 313 Ships Since Alamein

LONDON, Sun.—At least 313 enemy ships were sunk or damaged by Allied naval forces in the Mediterranean from the time of the El Alamein battle to the surrender of the last Axis troops at Cape Bon.

Revealing this, the Commander of Allied Naval Forces, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham (photo), said the attacks were made by submarines, surface vessels or naval aircraft. Many warships were included in the total but most vessels were supply ships. Some listed as damaged were hit so badly that many of them were not expected to reach safety. These figures do not include U-boats sunk, or 30 or 40 vessels sunk or damaged by our mines.

Admiral Cunningham has congratulated the Greek Naval Commander on the valuable work done by his vessels off Tunisia.

The men of the Greek Navy have been doubled in the past two years, and new vessels allotted to it have almost made up the losses it has had since war began.

Says Nazis Hope For A Draw

LONDON, Sun.—"Germany still hopes to spin out the war and make it a draw but the RAF will not allow it to do so," said the President of the Board of Trade (Mr Hugh Dalton).

Mr Dalton, who was addressing a "Wings For Victory" meeting, said the magnificent and sustained offensive of the RAF by night and day was hastening the hour of victory.

Germany's war machine was being smashed beyond repair.

The Sunday Express believes that the present heavy raids are merely a rehearsal and that soon Allied planes will be over Axis territory every hour of the day and night.

Discovery of a man's skeleton, five years old, in the bush between Lang Lang and Nyora, has given the Victorian police an identification problem. It is believed the man had a seizure while laying trout nets in a creek.

FORESEES WORLD FEDERATION

BRISBANE, Sun.—A world federation of nations after the war is predicted by the Archbishop of Erisbane (Dr. Wand).

Referring to Empire Day, which will be celebrated throughout Australia tomorrow, Dr. Wand told the congregation at St. Luke's Church, Brisbane, today, that the basis of the British Commonwealth of Nations would probably form the basis for the new order, although some people believed that it was too loose.

BOOT PRICES CUT

SYDNEY, Sun.—A reduction of 2½ per cent. in the wholesale price of boots and shoes has been announced by the Minister for War Organisation (Mr Dedman).

Mr Dedman said he hoped to reduce clothing prices shortly.

RAAF's Most-decorated Ace

CANBERRA, Sunday.—S/L R. H. Gibbes, former leader of an Australian fighter squadron in the Western Desert, has been awarded more decorations in this war than any other member of the RAAF.

S/L R. H. GIBBES

His decorations include the DSO and DFC and bar.

The most decorated Australian airman is Group Captain H. I. Edwards, VC, DSO, DFC, but he is a member of the RAF.

The DFC has been awarded to F/O Thomas Archibald, of North Sydney, who was killed in air operations recently.

OWEN GUNS FOR V.D.C.

CANBERRA, Sun.—When more Owen guns became available they would be supplied to the VDC, said the Minister for the Army (Mr Forde).

WRANS BEHIND THE COUNTER

W.R.A.N.S. and ratings work side by side in a clothing store at this Naval Depot. This picture shows "slops" being issued to ship's company.—D. of I.

NINE JAP BOMBS FALL INTO SEA AT EXMOUTH

CANBERRA, Sunday. — Nine bombs were dropped when three Jap bombers made a second night raid on Exmouth Gulf (WA). All fell harmlessly into the sea.

Exmouth Gulf is 700 miles north of Perth. Three bombers dropped three bombs there the previous night without effect. Nearest Jap island is 900 miles away.

No other Jap air activity was reported in today's communique from Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters. Allied heavy bombers sank a 500-ton ship in Kaimana harbour, Dutch New Guinea, and started fires round the wharf.

Two Jap motor launches were set on fire off Kai Island, north of Darwin. Gasmata drome (New Britain) was raided again by two heavy units in daylight and by a medium unit at night. A medium unit strafed Cape Gloucester drome. The building area at Finschhafen was bombed by a heavy unit.

Big Impetus To Vegetable Crop

MELBOURNE, Sun.—Increased production of vegetables for the rest of this year and for next year was one of the basic projects adopted by a conference of Agriculture Department representatives from all States.

Conference was told the demands of the fighting forces and the civilian population would need a tremendous increase on present production. It would be necessary to grow 174,000 acres of potatoes to meet essential needs.

Adopt 4000 Diggers

PERTH, Sun.—Nearly 4000 Diggers have been adopted under the Citizens' Reception Council "Adopt a Digger" campaign. Proceeds already total £3347. "The spirit of the people is magnificent and their generosity is overwhelming," said the chairman (Mr C. Wroblewsli).

NEWSBOYS' TEA PARTY WITH GOVERNORS' WIFE

MELBOURNE, Sun.—Four newsboys left their street beat for an hour to have afetrnoon tea with Lady Dugan, wife of the Governor.

They were representing 90 members of the City Newsboys' Society who subscribed £1/17/10½ for the Lady Huntingfield Memorial Scholarship. The money was handed over in a brown paper bag full of coppers and threepenny bits, with a box of flowers.

CHARGED WITH MURDER OF WOMAN

PERTH, Sun.—Norman William Tindall, 33, charged with the murder of Violet Forrester, 30, of Perth, was remanded for 8 days by Perth Police Court.

Forrester died in Perth Hospital on May 7 from a dislocated neck after being found on the footpath in Linday-st. on May 2. She was well known in Perth. Five years ago she was a star witness in a murder trial following the death of a Slav at Boulder.

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Axis Mediterranean Hopes Dashed: Lose 186 Planes In Two Days

LONDON, Saturday--In two days, 186 Axis planes have been destroyed in the Mediterranean area for a loss of only 6 Allied planes, strongly indicating that the Allies are gaining the upper hand in the fierce battle which has raged over the last fortnight for air supremacy in this zone.

Breaking through a concentrated fighter screen, Flying Fortresses and other Allied bombers are obtaining heavy bags of grounded enemy machines. In one raid on Trapani drome, 37 were destroyed, while 91 of yesterday's total of 113 were caught on the ground.

Practically every important drome in Sicily and Sardinia has been bombed out of action. Fortresses, although covered by Lightnings, are doing stalwart work in their own defence.

In one dogfight, they shot down 10 of 50 intercepting fighters, while in another the score was seven out of 30. Only one Allied plane was lost in the second day's operations, when the biggest raid was directed at a drome 80 miles from Rome.

SAYS BATTLE OF EUROPE ON

Over Europe, too, the Allies kept up their offensive. In daylight, U.S. heavy bombers raided the U-boat building yards at Wilhelmshaven and Emden.

They faced intense ack-ack fire and 100 fighters but dropped a great weight of bombs. Many enemy fighters were shot down.

Targets attacked by the RAF at night ranged from Berlin to 150 miles south-east of Paris. Mosquito bombers raided Berlin for the second successive night, and returned without loss. Elsewhere 11 trains were shot up.

The Minister for Air (Sir Archibald Sinclair) said the day and night attacks on Germany would continue for the rest of the war "relentlessly, mercilessly." The attacks were more battles than raids and would have a profound effect on the future of the war.

OPTIMISTIC TONE AS WASHINGTON TALKS NEAR END

WASHINGTON, Sat.—Final war decisions should be reached next week by Mr Churchill and Mr Roosevelt, the latter told pressmen today.

The combined British and U.S. Chiefs of Staff had submitted some recommendations and others would be made at the week-end. Asked about the likely fate of Italy, Pres. Roosevelt said, "Unconditional surrender."

The previous day's meeting of the Pacific War Council evidently produced results to the liking of delegates. The Australian Minister for External Affairs, Dr. Evatt (photo), appeared elated after it. "A great meeting," he declared. A Netherlands representative said the over-all view of the Pacific was optimistic.

FLOOD DANGER EASES IN NSW

SYDNEY, Sat.—After destructive floods in NSW coastal areas caused by downpours of up to 35 ins., the immediate danger of further floods seemed to have passed yesterday.

Warnings of floods inland from the Lachlan and Macquarie were issued, but Cowra had the only flood, from the Lachlan. Several districts were still under water where the Shoalhaven and Nepean Rivers broke their banks on Thursday.

Rain fell over a wide area of sheep grazing country, improving pastoral prospects.

U-BOAT'S CAPTURE

LONDON, Sat.—A mutiny on a U-boat led to its capture by a British destroyer, states a message from Rio de Janeiro.

C-in-C's MESSAGE

IT IS YOUR PAPER

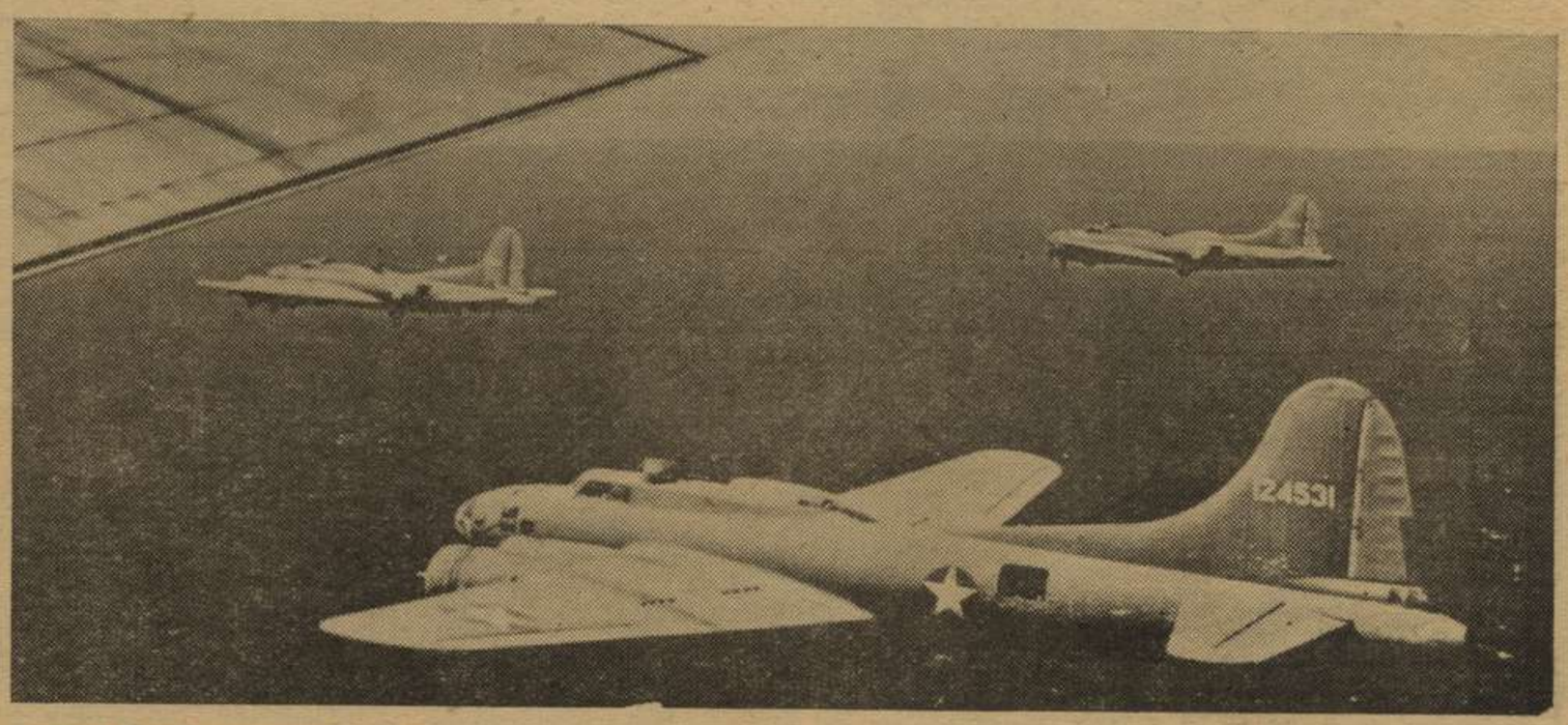
"I AM very pleased to be in your area to wish 'Table Tops' the greatest success on the occasion of its inaugural issue. 'Table Tops' will follow in its presentation the same general lines as 'Guinea Gold' and 'Army News' and is a natural successor to 'AIF News', which is familiar to many of you. The purpose and general aim of 'Table Tops' is to present to you in the shortest time and most interesting ways the news of the day—Australian and Overseas. It is your paper. You are invited to take part in making it go by sending into The Editor, 'Table Tops,' items of interest to the troops. In launching it, I know it will fill the need that is deeply felt of an early and accurate summary of the news of the day."

T. A. BLAMEY
General
C-in-C, AMF

"City of Heroes"

MOSCOW, Sat.—"A city of heroes," was how Mr Joseph Davies, President Roosevelt's personal representative, described Stalingrad when he placed flowers on the common grave of Red Army soldiers there.

"Battleships" Of The Sky Speed To Attack



DEADLY IN DEFENCE are Flying Fortresses, which shot down 10 Axis fighters in fierce Mediterranean dogfights after bombing grounded planes at Trapani (Sicily). Here are Fortresses leaving to raid Jap bases in the Solomons. — Townsville Bulletin.

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Police Trainees Walk Out; Enlist

ADELAIDE, Sat. — Unrest at the SA Police Training College reached a climax when six junior policemen packed up and left by taxi to enlist. They were suspended.

The men claimed they had been refused permission to resign and enlist, and had been threatened by manpower authorities.

They said they acted on a remark by an instructor "to pack up and get out." Their friends were in the fighting forces and they wanted to join them.

Unrest at the college has been mainly against the administration. The men complained that if they were going out with a girl on night leave they had to give her name and address to the authorities and state whether her parents had consented to her staying out late.

A police inspector had crept into their dormitories while they slept and smelt their breath for liquor.

Born In Street

SYDNEY, Sat.—A baby boy was born on the footpath of a Kensington street at 4.45 a.m. because the father, a soldier, was unable to get a taxi for his wife. The mother, Mrs Ivy Wheatley, and the baby, were taken to hospital in an ambulance which had also been called, but which came too late.

Home After Six Years With RAF

HOBART, Sat.—F/Lt. J. F. P. Brough, of Hobart, who held the trans-Atlantic ferry flying record for 12 hours, has returned home after six years with the RAF and will be posted to duty in the S.W. Pacific.

His record was 7 hrs. 20 mins., but 12 hours later another flier broke it.

Brough did great work bombing German cities, winning the DFC in 1940.

Relieving Housing

To help relieve Brisbane's housing shortage a civilian accommodation bureau has been opened in the City Hall. Ald. Moon said the bureau would reveal the extent of the shortage and the accommodation available. People had already written offering accommodation in their homes.

RENT NEARLY THREE TIMES A FAIR THING

BRISBANE, Saturday.—Reduction from £45/10/ a month to £4/4/ a week in the rent of a house in Laura Street, Highgate Hill, was allowed by Mr J. J. Leahy, S.M., sitting as a Fair Rents Board.

The house, which is owned by Mrs M. Shear, of Toowoomba, was let by her to Mrs E. M. Osborne for £3 a week, it was stated. Mrs Osborne sublet it, furnished, with electric light and gas provided, for £45/10/ a month to the U.S. Army.

V FOR WHOSE VICTORY? — Captured in Tunisia, this Italian soldier gives the V for Victory sign. —U.S. OWI.

Love's Labour No Longer Lost

SYDNEY, Saturday. — Love sickness is being recognised officially in the transfer of women industrial workers to war jobs.

The Deputy Manpower Director (Mr Bellemore) said cases of love sickness kept cropping up and the directorate tried to consider them. Girls who wanted to work at certain factories because their boy friends were working there were allowed to if possible.

A cable from U.S.A. reveals that a Manpower Commission Review Board there has recognised "sickness of heart" as a valid excuse for a young woman industrial worker to change jobs.

18,713 CASUALTIES IN MIDDLE EAST

CANBERRA, Sat.—Total AIF casualties in the Middle East campaigns were 18,713, including 3147 killed or died of wounds.

Revealing this, the Army Minister (Mr Forde) said there were 8317 wounded and 7249 missing or prisoners of war.

Losses in the five months of desert campaigning which led to the break-through at El Alamein, and in which the 9th Division fought, totalled 5794.

ELECTROCUTED IN BATH

MELBOURNE, Sat.—Mrs Pearl Lang, 35, Singapore refugee, was electrocuted when she touched a tap while having a bath at her home in Frankston. Her husband, a British officer, is a prisoner of the Japs.

TRANSCONTINENTAL BREVITIES

Smoke, soot and grit from South Melbourne (Vic.) gas works had been a nuisance to residents, said Mr Meehan, PM, in fining the Metropolitan Gas Co. £10, with £59/17/4 costs. He added it had not been proved that smells mentioned in evidence had come from the works.

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A 400-mile hike from Launceston to Hobart and back has been completed by Mr and Mrs H. D. Partridge, of Launceston. They averaged 28 miles a day. Best day: 33 miles.

Foreman Upheld

PERTH, Sat. — Inquiring into a hold-up at Midland railway workshops, when some men complained against the "overbearing and dictatorial manner" of a sub-foreman, James Hunter, the Arbitration Court exonerated Hunter.

Former interstate cricketer and footballer, Harold P. Kirkwood, died suddenly in Adelaide, aged 60. He was manager of the Bank of Adelaide, Unley.

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Brisbane Tramways will employ women as car cleaners and greasers and on cleaning work at various depots. They will work mainly at night.

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Among those drowned in the Centaur was Mr W. F. D. Clarke, of Adelaide, a Red Cross representative. A returned soldier from the last war, he was a leading member of the VDC in SA. He was a director of Stonyfell vineyards, near Adelaide. A widow and two daughters survive him.

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Some S.A. rabbit trappers are making £80 to £100 a week. The export levy on skins has been raised from 9d to 1/6. It will enable Australian factories to fulfil orders for military hats.

Scenes reminiscent of pre-coupon panic buying are occurring in Melbourne suburbs as people who saved their coupons are trying to use them before the new issue. Many people who saved coupons for their winter needs will miss out because daily quotas are being quickly sold.

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A former MLC, Gilbert Jamieson Sinclair, 65, pleaded guilty in Sydney Quarter Sessions to embezzling £538 from Sydney branch of the Boilermakers' Socity, of which he was secretary for 27 years. Detective Byrne said Sinclair was prepared to restore £325 immediately and the balance within six months.

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A statement written by a boy of 16 after his arrest at Parramatta (NSW) is alleged by police to have cleared the mystery of fires which destroyed the ticket offices and waiting rooms at Wentworthville and Harris Park railway stations.

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Acquitted with two others on a charge of having stolen diamonds worth many thousands of pounds from a Dutch plane shot down by Zeros near Broome on March 3 last year, Jack Palmer, former beachcomber, now in the army, intends to seek a reward for his recovery and surrender of £20,000 worth of diamonds. Legal circles are discussing the question of salvage rights.

Adelaide tram-men are perturbed at a proposal to employ women on trams and in tramway departments. They will hold a meeting to discuss it.

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Strike of pupils of Brookvale (Sydney) school, organised by parents to protest against use of the classrooms by the NES, ended with the classrooms being handed back. They have been used for 18 months as a first-aid post. School was held in a weather shed.

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Hobart bridge should be completed by the end of August, said the Minister for Lands and Works (Mr Midden).

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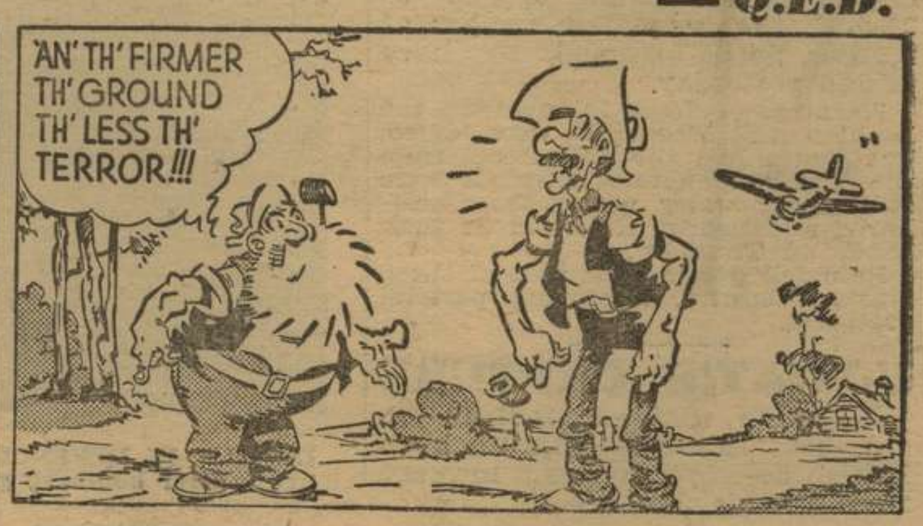
Bus fleets are to have brighter headlights in Perth, but private motorists must keep on using blackout masks.

Will Still Be Rather Bare

MELBOURNE, Saturday.— Saying he wanted to put her in his showroom where there was not much to show these days, Mr B. Wolf, Melbourne warehouseman, paid £50 for a marble statue of Eve and the Serpent at an auction of 20 pieces of National Gallery sculpture. Eve, who was presented to the Gallery in 1885, is unclad except for the serpent twined around her calves. Brighton Council recently refused her has a gift.

GUNN'S GULLY —



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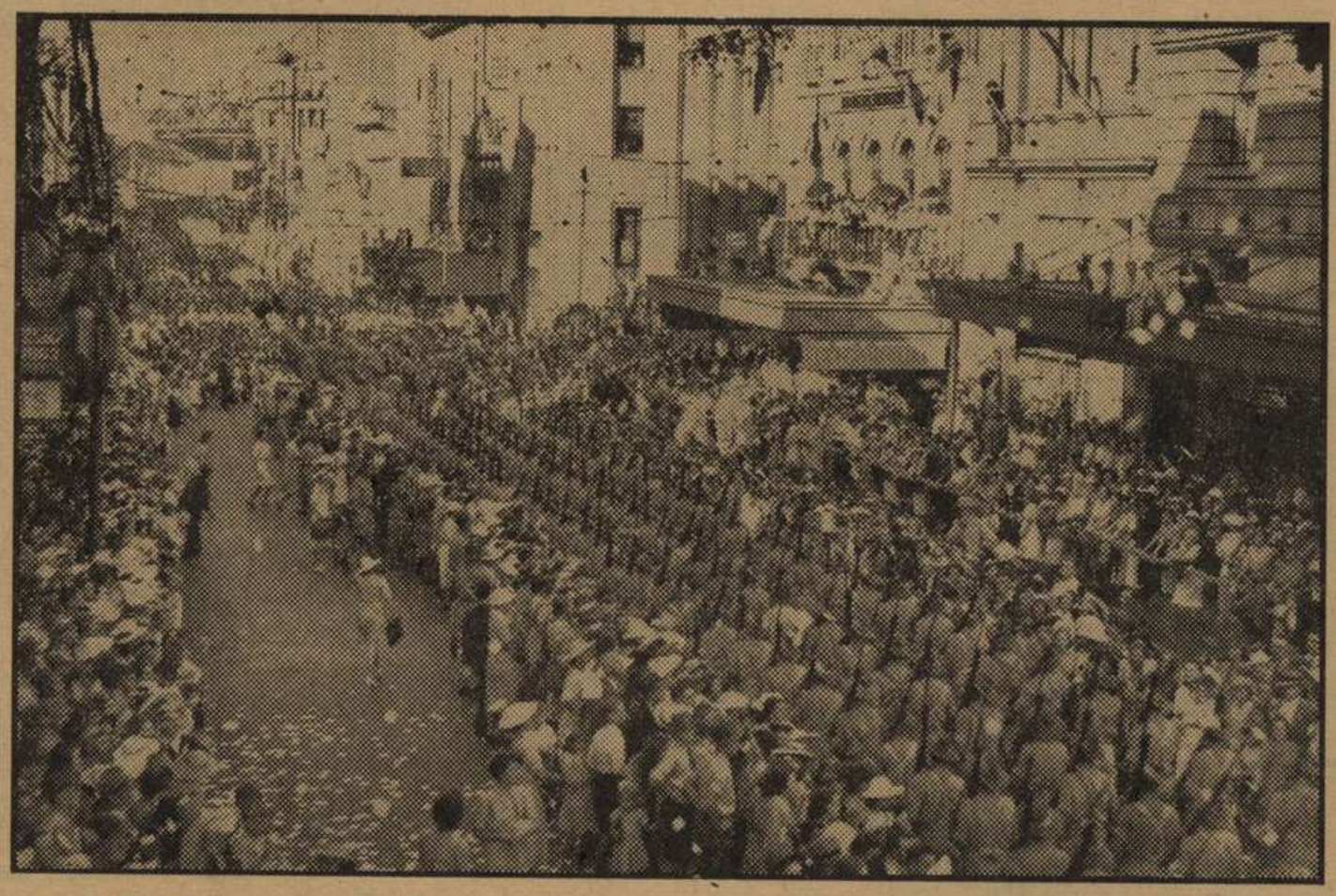
Above are three of the most popular "pin-up" girls among troops round the world. They are (left to right) the film stars Dorothy Lamour, Anne Gwynne, and Ann Sheridan. "Pin-up" girls are those whose pictures are most frequently pinned-up in army camps.

Meet Corporal Gladys ("Johnny") Johnson, 6ft. 1in., believed to be the tallest W.A.A.F., And now for the claimant to the title of smallest, see picture at right-hand corner of this page.



With cheering thousands and a "snowstorm" of paper Brisbane welcomed home these men of the Ninth Division as representatives of all our fighting services.

A.C.W. Jean Tait is only 4ft. 8½in. — half an inch below regulation height. She is believed to be the smallest W.A.A.F.

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Attache Case Murder

DETECTIVE Inspector Jackson leaned back in his chair—a worried frown evidence of his feelings—as he examined once again one of the two instruments of death.

"It just doesn't make sense, Pike. We've had two brutal murders in the past week," he said.

With an irritated curse he threw the death missile on to the table. His assistant leaned forward and picked it up, and examined it for the hundredth time.

The missile in question was something like a steel bolt, about six inches long. From the end where the thread would normally be the bolt was tapered back until, where it reached the head. it was only match thin. The head then flared out into four vanes. The opposite end, which carried the main weight, was turned over into a sharp, abrupt point, needle sharp. Four evenly spaced flutes, or grooves, ran from the point right back to the vanes at the rear end.

Pike replaced it with a sigh.

"It reminds me of nothing else but a streamlined bomb.",

Detective Inspector Jackson nodded.

"That's what it is, to all intents and purposes. The vanes at the rear end are to stabilise it in flight. From the depth it pierced into Frederick's head, and to a lesser degree into Thompson's head, the thing must be fired under terrific pressure. Air pressure, or something of the sort. The experts agree that there are no powder marks on it anywhere."

With an explosive gesture he went over the details again.

"Gordon Thompson, a free-lance writer, is found dead—murdered; and his room door is locked with one of those Yale locks that lock when the door closes, and can only be opened from the outside with a key. He was alone. There seems to be no doubt about that.

"But the first murder is a bigger blank still. Albert Fredericks, metho. fiend, derelict, deadbeat, with no known relations, and no regular associates, is found killed in Wadsworth Park —killed by one of those steel darts. But why? In heaven's name, why?"

Pike's brow wrinkled in heavy thought.

"Suppose, perhaps, that someone's got a new way of killing—something different from the usual run of things. I mean. something new in the way of propelling a deadly instrument of death. It could be that the first murder, in the park, was a sort of experiment.

A chair crashed forward.

"You've struck something there, Pike. By the seven lighted candles, I think you've got on to something," said Jackson.

Just then the 'phone on the desk shrilled. The inspector picked up the receiver.

"Hullo? Yes, speaking. Yes——yes——yes.

As he sat back and listened, his jaw tightened. Pike watched closely as he sensed the tension in his chief's features. For nearly three minutes the metallic voice droned on.

Inspector Jackson eyed his assistant grimly.

"The third murder, Pike!"

"The same earmarks, that's all. On a moonlight river trip this time."

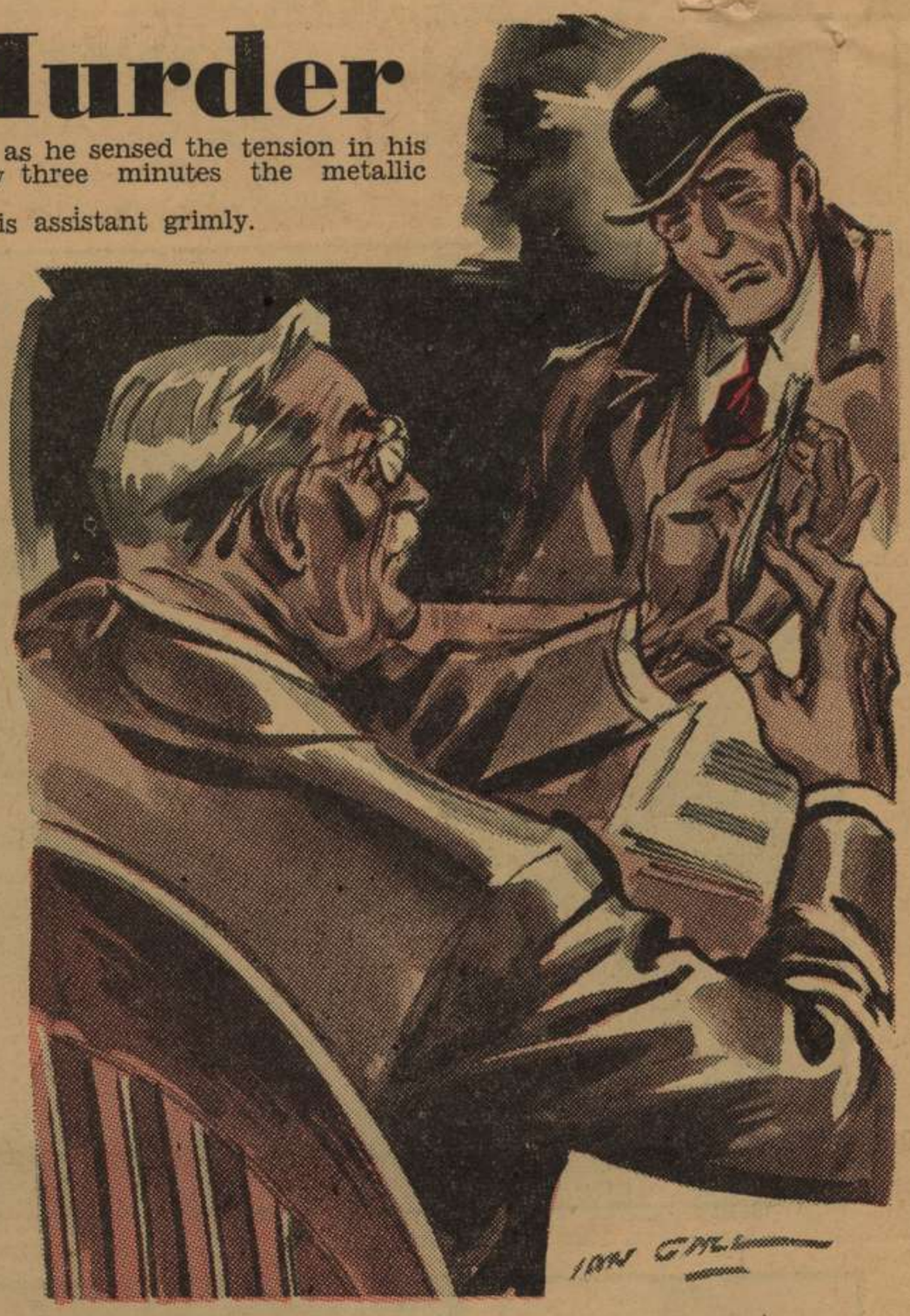
Two days later Inspector Jackson faced Francis Denby across his desk. his eyes were dangerously hard. In his mind was the story in that day's newspapers. They had revealed that Francis Denby, city financier, had been threatened with the "Silent Death"; that he had paid up; that the killer had boasted of his success over the telephone.

Inspector Jackson's voice was abrupt.

"You know, of course, by your actions, that you have deliberately encouraged this killer to blackmail other people? Why, Mr. Denby, when you received the demand for money, did you not come to the police?"

Denby shrugged.

"My life, inspector, is worth more to me than £10,000. He cleaned me out. I was forced to realise on all my holdings — everything that I could exchange for money. What I cannot understand is the reason for the killer to 'phone the papers and tell them what had happened, and that I had paid in full?"



But Jackson's troubles increased when news of Denby's disappearance got into the papers.

The whole machinery of the police force was thrown into gear to find Francis Denby, and, at the end of a week, a body was fished up out of the river, with its features battered.

The body was identified by Mrs. Denby as that of her husband. Not from his features—that was impossible—but from papers, a gold watch, trinkets in the pockets of his suit, and the shirt he wore. Denby had his shirts made to order.

Inspector Jackson, after seeing the body, returned to his office, and reviewed the papers on the entire case. He sat back in his chair in gloomy silence for some time. and then reached for the 'phone. Six calls he made, setting again in motion the machinery he controlled—setting men searching, delving, inquiring.

And three days later, he faced his assistant, Pike, across the desk, and said:

"You've got your search warrant all ready?"

"Yes, sir. The car's waiting down below with the rest of the search party now."

Jackson reached for his hat.

"All right. Let's go."

The patrol car roared across the city and out into one of the better class suburbs. It pulled up in front of a large, greystone house, set well back among well tended shrubs and garden. The house was silent, and closed up as though the owners would be away some time.

They found a workshop at the rear of the house, and as Jackson stood in the doorway he said:

"H'm. Bench. engineer's vice, lathe, drills, the whole works. A man could make almost anything in this workshop, Pike."

As he spoke he was down on his hands and knees examining steel chips and filings beneath the lathe. He scraped them carefully into a match box.

"By the seven candles, Pike, there's one of the 'Silent Death' things half finished!"

The police began a search of the garden, and an hour later one of them reported:

"There's a sort of well down at the bottom of the garden, sir. A sort of ornamental affair. I shone a torch down, and there's signs that there's been some rubbish tipped down recently. I'l go down?"

The voice of the constable came to the men at the head of the well.

"There's a small attache case here, sir. It's on the rope now. Righto. pull away, and then let the rope back for me. I think that's the lot down here."

It was no ordinary attache case, although it looked quite ordinary from a few yards away. In place of the push button underneath the handle. normally used for opening the case, there were two buttons, similar in appearance.

As he made further examination, he found a small hole in what, as the case was carried in the hand, would be the front end of the case. This was covered by a small hinged flap.

The interior of the case was fitted with a beautifully made mechanism built on the principle of the crossbow, and with a short steel barrel about ten inches long leading to the

ALAN MARSHALL HATES ALL— 'Phone Humorists

You lift off the receiver to answer a ring on the phone and are greeted with: "Police here."

Telephone Humorists thrive on the shaking voices of friends startled by the announcement that "The Morgue" is calling.

My friend, George, is a Telephone Humorist of the worst kind.

"Income Tax Department here," came a stern voice over the phone only last week.

"Y-e-e-s," I faltered.

"We understand that you sold an evening suit (moth-eaten) to Mr. George Biggers for £2, and failed to include this in your return. We received an anonymous letter from him this morning. Report to this department on Friday bringing a record of your income over the last five years. Good-bye."

I staggered away from that 'phone with a bad attack of the shakes.

But I thought of a cure for George.

"Police here. About your car . . ." came a voice over the 'phone yesterday.

"Ah, ha!" I exclaimed. "You are just the man we have been looking for. Mr. Marshall has had his line switched over to police headquarters in an attempt to catch a practical joker who has been troubling him. Report here immediately. Good-bye."

Ten minutes later the patrol arrived as I requested.

It was a genuine call.

I understand that the charge is "Obstructing the Police in the Observance of their Duty," or something.

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Short Story By A. V. Neil

hole in the end of the case. A series of gears wound a powerful spring back until it was fully compressed. The mechanism was simple in operation, and the inspector wound the spring back.

Inspector Jackson said: "There's the 'Silent Death.' The bolt is fitted in there to the clip, with half its length into the barrel. Then this other button under the handle is pressed, and off it goes—like that!"

The spring plunged home with an angry 'zutt!"

One of the constables wiped his forehead. 'All that just to kill a man."

"Not only to kill someone," corrected Jackson. "But for something like £100,000."

He looked again at his watch.

"Come along, Pike. The boat sails in twenty minutes, and we're cutting it fine."

Across the city they sped to the docks. and he car eased up at the berth of a big overeas liner.

At the gangway leading on to the ship Jackon spoke to a plain-clothes man. "No sign f them yet?"

"No, sir. And they're not on board either. Dobson has been on board for the last hour." Jackson nodded.

As two women approached the gangway the olice officers walked to meet them.

"Good afternoon, Mrs. Denby. Nice weather or a trip?" said Jackson.

Mrs. Denby nodded, and stammered.

"I hope so. I had to get away from all this readful publicity. My aunt and I are going ut to friends in America. May I present y——"

Inspector Jackson broke in.

"Let's cut the cackle, sister!" As he approached the "aunt" he shot out:

"You're under arrest, Frances Denby, harged with the murders of four people—and ou, Mrs. Denby, are charged with being an ccessory both before and after on all counts. Watch him, Pike!"

LATER, in the Inspector's office, one of the occupants looked up from reading Denby's statement.

One of the younger men spoke.

"I still don't see the reason for all those illings. Why all the wholesale slaughter?"

Jackson replied slowly:

"They were necessary to his scheme. To ollect that seventy-five thousand pounds inurance Denby had to have an ironclad death, omplete with body. To have only found some nfortunate devil. who resembled him in build, atter his face beyond recognition, then dress im in Denby's clothes, wasn't enough. He lso had to have some excuse to realise on all is holdings. In ordinary circumstances. that ould have aroused suspicion in the insurance ompany. And so he built himself an elaboate, and devilishly clever, string of mystery urders, followed by the claim for money from he mystery slayer. And by the seven candles, nearly came off!"

"And all for a lead-up to an insurance acket!"

"Just that. For seventy-five thousand ounds. Nice work if it came off. But it idn't."

"What made you first suspect Denby?"

The inspector smiled.

"A couple of rings. One on the 'phone, and ne on Denby's finger. The one on the 'phone as the message to the papers telling of enby's paying of the money. That fact alone ould prevent the blackmailing of anyone else. f they were to be killed as well, no one would onsent to meeting a demand for money. hat ring on the 'phone rang false. and didn't it in with subsequent facts."

"And the second ring?"

"On Denby's finger. I noticed it when he rst came to see us. It was too tight; the esh had almost overgrown it. Nothing short a minor operation or the cutting of the ng would have removed it. The mark on the nger, too, would have taken years to wear f. And the body we fished out of the river ad perfectly clean, unmarked fingers."

(All characters fictitious.)

The Happy Ending

IT WAS very cold outside, and the bus was none too well heated. There were 30 people in a machine that had been built to hold 24, and none of the passengers was exactly comfortable.

Most of them were stiff from riding so long. A few were just plain stiff.

Harry Barton sat in a small chair that had been placed in the aisle for him.

That was travel these days. A series of delays and discomforts. But Harry Barton accepted the situation calmly, for he was on his last lap to Thomasville.

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Thomasville had been Harry Barton's home. He had grown up there, gone to school there, fallen in love there. He had fallen in love with Marjorie Thomas, whose father not only ran the town, but practically owned it.

In those days, Harry was a young, brazen, afraid of nothing. Sure, Marjorie lived in that big mansion on the West Side while he slept in a shack near the mill. What of it? When you're young and in love, who cares?

Hellinger Short Story

So Harry had gone calling up at the big house to see Marjorie. He had kissed her under the portraits of the Thomas ancestors; portraits that seemed to freeze in horror as the lips of the youngsters met. He had even asked Marjorie to marry him, for better or for worse.

It had all been very wonderful. But it all came to a very abrupt halt the moment old man Thomas awakened to what was going on.

"It's the one thing I have always feared!" Herbert Thomas had ranted. "I knew some cheap fortune hunter would try to marry my daughter—and now it's happened. How dare you, sir—you, a lowly mill hand! By what right, sir, do you enter my home and have the impudence to make love to my daughter?"

"You've got me all wrong, Mr. Thomas," he had pleaded. "I'm not interested in Marjorie's money. We're in love and we want to get married.

"You must be a very smart man. You wouldn't own most of this town if you weren't. But if you think I'm only looking for some easy money, then—well, all I can say is. that you don't know much about character. About my character, anyhow."

Herbert Thomas had fairly screamed at that point.

"How dare you, you young pup! How dare you! You get out of this house right now! Yes, and out of this town, too! If you don't, you'll be a very sorry fellow."

And old man Thomas wasn't kidding, either. His words, although a bit hammy coming out, were very real coming through. After a week of secret dating with Marjorie, Harry Barton found himself without a job.

"It's no use," he told her one night. "Nobody in Thomasville will hire me now. Your father has done a complete job and I'll have to move on elsewhere. Will you come with me, Marjorie?"

It was Marjorie's big chance in life to be a heroine; to prove that love conquers all, even in Thomasville. But she just shook her head, and clung to him and sobbed weakly against his shoulder.

So they said good-bye that very night. They were both young, Harry pointed out, and he would wait.

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Well, Herbert Thomas was dead now, and Harry Barton was returning to Thomasville to get married. The old man had died some months ago, leaving the bulk of his fortune to his widow. Little money had gone to Marjorie because, until he drew his final breath. Herbert Thomas had never lost his obsession about fortune hunters.

With a squeaking of brakes and one last convulsive shiver, the bus arrived in Thomasville. Harry didn't rush for the door with the other passengers. Instead, he moved over to a window and peered anxiously out at the slim crowd.

His eyes brightened. She was waiting for him! She caught sight of him at the window. She smiled happily and waved her hand.

He took her hand, drew her back from the crowd, held her in his arms and kissed her. She blushed a little and looked around to see if any one had noticed them.

"You mustn't," she murmured. "Not yet, dearest." She was obviously nervous, troubled. "You see, I—I'm worried about how she's going to act when we tell her, and——"

"Forget it." His voice was hard. "If Marjorie doesn't like it, that's just too bad. All that matters is that you and I are going to be married in a couple of hours."

And he took the arm of Herbert Thomas' widow and led her away from the crowd.

One-Minute Mystery

Caught—Down Mexico Way

Problem from the casebook of Dr. Fordney, criminologist. Can you solve it?—

PROFESSOR FORDNEY and Inspector Marrenza sat on the terrace of their hotel at Monterey, Mexico, sipping cooling drinks.

Suddenly Marrenza, who had been silent for some moments, spoke:

"Amigo, I shall accompany you to the States to-morrow! I believe that once again Senorita Juanita Ibanez is to smuggle diamonds into your country."

Meanwhile alluring Juanita and her jewel-thief lover, Roberto Fernandez. were preparing for the girl's departure.

"What a price these stones will bring in New York," exclaimed Roberto, as he heated a small object. "And my plan," he continued proudly, "is so simple! Am I not the smart one!"

Juanita smiled adoringly.

On the train next day, Fordney stopped at Juanita's day-coach seat, clucked at the baby she held, his sharp eyes observing every detail of the girl's peasant dress and shabby luggage.

Juanita smiled shyly.

At the border Customs station Juanita's baggage and personal belongings were thoroughly searched. She and the baby were stripped naked; the bodies and clothing of each minutely examined. Chagrined indeed was Inspector Marrenza when no jewels were found.

"But **I know** she's smuggling diamonds," he lamented. "But **how**, Amigo? And if she succeeds this time, well. my reputation . . ."

As the train bulleted along, the Professor engaged the beautiful senorita in conversation as the baby in her arms sucked contentedly at its bottle. The baby, her sister's child, was ill. She was taking her to relatives in New York. She was . . .

Suddenly a shutter in Fordney's mind clicked. That **must** be it!

The excited Marrenza enthusiastically thanked Fordney when the diamonds were discovered where he thought they would be.

Where was Juanita actually carrying the smuggled diamonds?

ANSWER

In the **one** place that had not been examined—the baby's nursing bottle! There they were found each covered with milk-covered rubber.

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GINGER MEGGS

by Baucks

EH, HILDA WILL YOU HAVE A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR BOOK OF THE STARS AND TELL ME WHEN IS MY LUCKY PERIOD?

YES GINGE

Hilda is Snowey's Girl

HERE IT IS GINGE ACCORDING TO THE STARS THIS WEEK IS ONE OF YOUR VERY LUCKY PERIODS

GEE! IMAGINE!

LOOSE TONGUES CAN COST LIVES

MAYBE I'D BE WASTING MY LUCK GOING TO SCHOOL!! I'LL HIDE MY BAG AND TRY MYSELF OUT.

JOE HOW IS IT FOR A STRAWBERRY SUNDAE ON TICK UNTIL SATURDAY?

SHE'S A COMIN' UP GINGE! - PAY ME ANY TIME — IS NO MATTA FOR MONEY

WELL THAT'S A GREAT START NOW DOWN I GO TO THE CREEK.

HEY. SONNY THERE'S SOME NICE WINDFALL APPLES. IF YOU COME IN YOU CAN HELP YOURSELF.

GEE THANKS MISTER.

GEE! THOSE BOOKS OF THE STARS ARE MARVELLOUS. GOLLY! I COULD DO A DRINK!

I BET YOU DON'T MIND A TERRIBLE THIRSTY FELLER HELPING HIMSELF TO A MILK SHAKE DO YOU MISSUS GOAT

OH GOLLY JUST IMAGINE ALL THOSE OTHER KIDS WORKING THEIR HEADS OFF FOR THAT TERRIBLE AWFUL NEW SCHOOL TEACHER.

I COLLECT THE OLD SCHOOL-BAG. GEE! I BET THIS HAS BEEN MY VERY LUCKIEST DAY EVER I BET.

IT'S JUST STRIKING FOUR O'CLOCK — LEAVE IT TO ME TO TIME EVERYTHING JUST EXACTLY RIGHT!

WELL MUM HERE'S YOUR OLD SCHOOL-BOY SON —THE HOPE OF THE FAMILY—. HOME AGAIN.

FINE. THERE'S A SURPRISE FOR YOU IN THE FRONT ROOM.

OH GOSH! OH MY GOSH!! THE SCHOOL-TEACHER!

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Australians Within 5 m of Salamaua

CANBERRA, Sat.--Australian troops have engaged the Japs only five miles from Salamaua, south of Lae, the ABC's New Guinea correspondent reported today.

The Australians advanced from a place they had held against strong counter-attacks, he said.

Today's communique from Gen. Macarthur's Headquarters said patrol clashes at Mubo were intensified yesterday. Allied fighters, in close support, strafed Jap positions.

In a fighter battle 20,000 ft. over Salamaua, six of 20 Jap fighters were shot down, five probably destroyed, and four damaged. All Allied fighters returned, four with minor damage.

Two more Jap fighters were destroyed when nine attacked two Allied heavy units at Wau. Another was probably destroyed and two were damaged.

The Japs lost three more fighters, probably four, when 15 of them intercepted heavy bombers attacking Gasmata (New Britain) with 1000 lb. bombs at midday. Large fires were started. One bomber is missing from night attacks on Gasmata.

Vunakanau drome at Rabaul and a nearby drome had another predawn attack from heavy bombers. Two are missing.

On a coastal sweep in New Guinea, medium bombers sank five of 10 Jap barges off some islands and forced the others to beach.

Three more barges, loaded with men and ammunition, were destroyed off Finschhafen.

ATTU CONFLICT NEARS END; JAPS TRAPPED

NEW YORK, Sat.—Vichy Radio states that the Japanese are evacuating Attu Island (Aleutians) but the U.S. Navy Department reports that practically all resistance has been smashed.

"The campaign is virtually over," said the U.S. Secretary of the Navy (Col. Knox). "The enemy is encircled. It is only a question of time before the remaining Japs are liquidated or forced to surrender."

The Japs are dug in on high ground east of Attu village. They are trapped in an area of 15 square miles on a peninsula. U.S. bombers are attacking them constantly.

SPANISH FLEET BURNED?

LONDON: An unconfirmed report states that a huge fire swept over a Spanish naval base, destroying most of the Spanish fleet.

Nazis Repelled In Kuban Fight

LONDON, Sat.—Fierce hand-to-hand fighting is going on in the Kuban area (N. Caucasus), where the Russians have hurled back strong German counter-attacks.

NE of Novorossisk German infantry made several attempts to ease the pressure on the port, but were beaten back. Russian guns forced them to return to their starting points.

The Germans tried to reduce the Russian bridgeheads on the right bank of the Donetz, but the bridgeheads were deepened.

U.S. Launches 616 Ships This Year

WASHINGTON, Sat.—"A ring of steel is being forged around the Axis," said President Roosevelt, announcing the launching of 11 merchant ships totalling 111,000 tons.

Mr Roosevelt said 616 merchant ships had been launched in America this year. U.S. production alone far exceeded the tonnage of Allied ships destroyed by U-boats.

"Victory ships," which were faster and more powerful, had replaced "Liberty ships."

Danes Start Fires

LONDON, Sat.—Danish patriots have set fire to a shipyard and put a dock out of action, states Moscow Radio.

Danish Radio has offered a reward for information about the people who started another fire north of Copenhagen.

RED CROSS INQUIRIES

CANBERRA, Sat. — The Red Cross has spent more than £11,500 trying to get information about Australian prisoners of war held by Japan. It has acted for 7000 people.

Sporting Results

Winnipeg Scores at 12/1

SYDNEY, Sat.--Winnipeg, who failed to run a place when a 7/4 favourite at his last start, beat a smart field in the Flying Handicap at the Moorefield meeting at Canterbury Park today. His price was 12/1.

War Effort and Young Valais shared favouritism at 5/1. Young Valais, who won last Saturday at 25/1, finished second.

Dewar, another winner at his last start, was unplaced in the Moorefield Handicap, although solidly backed at 7/2. Hieron, who had not won for a long time, started at 7/1 and beat Red Pete, who won last Saturday, and Jymjon.

MOOREFIELD

TRIAL STAKES HCP.—MELODY CHARM (7/2), 1; Cape Hero (5/1), 2; Padalong (25/1), 3.

NURSERY HCP.—YARRAS (15/1), 1; Kingsford (15/1), 2; Joygiver (6/1), 3.

FLYING HCP.—WINNIPEG (12/1), 1; Young Valais (5/1), 2; Milanja (7/1), 3.

MOOREFIELD HCP. — HIERON (7/1), 1; Red Pete (9/2), 2; Jymjon (7/1), 3.

HIGHWEIGHT HCP., 1st Div. — MARCOPERI (5/2), 1; Nobleman (7/2), 2; Irish Sea (9/2), 3.

HIGHWEIGHT HCP., 2nd Div. — VANITY LADY (8/1), 1; Valaroi (33/1) 2; Chatamore (50/1), 3.

BRIGHTON HCP. — RESPONSE (5/1), 1; Boorchief (7/2), 2; Haridelle (7/1), 3.

ALBION PARK (Q.)

The improving Sparrow Hawk, who had won at his previous start, had a comfortable victory in the Plate Handicap, the main event at Albion Park. Sparrow Hawk, starting at 3/1, beat a small but good field. Results:—

6th DIV. HCP. — 1st Heat: LADY GODIVA (W. Martell), 7/1, 1; Arena (7/2), 2; Landley (evens), 3.

SECOND HEAT.—AIR RAIDER (G. Hill), 7/1, 1; Pearl Denis (10/1), 2; Lady Morden (2/1), 3.

5th DIV. HCP. — LADELITRE (K. Callaghan), 10/1, 1; Deerban (7/4), 2; Hylight (25/1), 3.

3rd DIV. HCP. — RODERICK (W. Briscoe), 7/2, 1; Crafty Clare (6/1), 2; England (33/1), 3.

4th DIV. HCP.—TRENIBAN (E. Fordyce), 5/4 on, 1; Idle Green (7/1), 2; Windle (12/1), 3.

PLATE HCP.—SPARROW HAWK (N. McCrowdie), 3/1, 1; Wish On (8/1), 2; Qualeta (2/1), 3.

PURSE HCP. — VALPARELLA (E. Fordyce), 7/1, 1; Eve Felt (8/1), 2; Golden Melody (10/1), 3.

FOOTBALL

Melbourne League

Fitzroy defeated South Melbourne by 1pt. in a thrilling match.

Fitzroy 16.17, d. South Melbourne, 16.16; Footscray 12.16, d. Collingwood, 11.14; Richmond 17.12, d. St. Kilda, 8.15; Hawthorn 17.15, d. Melbourne, 10.12; Essendon 11.12, d. North Melbourne, 9.11.

Sydney Union

Manly is still undefeated in the Rugby Union competition, beating St. George easily.

Manly 8, d. St. George, 0; Eastern Suburbs 9 d. Drummoyne 6; Western Suburbs 11 d. Gordon 5; Randwick 6 d. Northern Suburbs 3.

Sydney League

A goal from a penalty in the last few minutes gave St. George a one-point win against Newtown in the Rugby League competition.

St. George 16 d. Newtown, 15; Balmain 14 d. Canterbury-Bankstown, 11; North Sydney 18 d. Eastern Suburbs, 10; South Sydney 17 d. Western Suburbs, 7.

RAAF 16.18 defeated Sydney 10.8 in a National League match.

Man Shot: Wife On Murder Charge

MELBOURNE, Sat.—Mrs Kathleen Lenehan, 37, has been charged with the murder of her husband, Thomas Lenehan, who was shot at their home at Garvoc, near Terang, on Monday.

Mrs Lenehan, who was admitted to Terang Hospital with injuries caused in a quarrel, gave birth to a child yesterday.

ONE OF MELBOURNE'S best sprinters, Tuhitarata, who broke down in the Underwood Stakes recently, will be retired on lease to H. F. Hoysted's stud at Wangaratta (Vic).—Sun Pic.

Constables Appeal

SYDNEY, Sat.—Appeals by Consts. Carney and Grigg against their dismissal from the force will be heard in public on June 14.

Carney and Grigg arrested Clarence Sydney McNulty on a charge of indecent exposure. The Police Commissioner (Mr MacKay) ordered the charge to be dropped, and later Carney and Grigg were suspended.

Art Union Destroyed

MELBOURNE.—Art Union, one of Melbourne's best handicap horses, broke a fetlock while galloping at Flemington, and was destroyed.

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Plan Anti-Spy Drive In Night Clubs Under New Act

SYDNEY, Saturday.--An immediate comb-out of night clubs and other resorts of servicemen will be undertaken by NSW police anti-espionage squads, following the passing by Parliament yesterday of the Disorderly Houses Bill.

The bill was quickly agreed to after the Premier (Mr McKell had tabled in the Assembly documentary evidence of spy activities in night clubs.

Mr McKell said he was satisfied that great and irreparable harm had been done to Australia by what went on in the night clubs. The new Act empowers him to declare night clubs and sly grog places disorderly houses.

Commenting in Canberra, the Navy Minister, Mr Makin (photo), said costly losses of important shipping off the Australian coast caused fears that a well-organised spy ring was operating diligently in Australia.

He warned against enemy cleverness. "For a long time," he said, "I have been convinced that enemy agents are exercising the utmost astuteness here. People when talking should keep a discreet silence about war movements."

Men's Denials At Norval Inquiry

BRISBANE, Sat.—Evidence that their relations with Marjorie Norval had been innocent was given by two men at the inquiry into her disappearance in 1938.

Jack Hargrave Catton, Commonwealth aircraft inspector, said he saw Miss Norval three times at the most between Christmas and Easter before she disappeared.

James East, widower, of South Brisbane, said he gave Miss Norval presents occasionally and took her about in his car.

He had no suspicion when leaving her at Central Station that she was not going to Bundaberg.

Miss Norval, a Government stenographer, disappeared from near Central Station on November 11, 1938.

Police in Australia and N.Z. had searched for her at a cost of thousands. About 1000 people had been interviewed.

(Proceeding)

BIG AACS GUARANTEE

CANBERRA, Saturday. — The Federal Government had decided to guarantee the Australian Army Canteen Services £1,000,000, said the Minister for the Army (Mr Forde).

This amount would be sufficient, with present resources, to meet the heavy demands of the services.

The guarantee was covered by stock worth £2,275,000. The Canteen Services had distributed over £1,000,000 to the troops.

Catch Escapee

PERTH, Sat.—Norman Charles Sutton, who escaped from Fremantle gaol on Thursday, was arrested in Canning district late yesterday.

While free, he is alleged to have committed a crime against a schoolgirl. Sutton has escaped three times. He was serving a life sentence for criminal assault, committed during his previous escape.

THE LUCK OF THE GAME!—A U.S. gunner was manning a tail gun in a U.S. plane over Tunisia when an enemy bullet struck a cartridge in his machine-gun belt. The cartridge exploded as shown above, but it stopped the enemy missile and the sergeant was unhurt. — Sun Pic.

WAR DEMAND FOR FUR PUTS A PRICE ON PUSSY'S HEAD

SYDNEY, Sat.--All-time record prices were obtained for fox and domestic cat skins at Sydney skin sales.

Cat skins—2d each before the war—were rushed at 42/ a doz. Fox skins brought 625/ a doz.—100/ to 300/ more than the last sales 3 weeks ago. Fox skins were not yet at full winter weight.

All the fox and 50 p.c. of the cat skins were bought for export.

Actress Weds

BRISBANE, Sat.—After a whirlwind romance, Diana Parnham, star of Reunion in Vienna, was married at St. John's Cathedral to Brydon Taves, manager of the American United Press in Australia. A few hours after the wedding both were back at work.

HOSTEL IN BRISBANE

BRISBANE, Sat. — The Hotel Daniel will probably be taken over by the army for an officers' hostel. Officers on leave or passing through Brisbane are finding it hard to get accommodation.

Scrub Typhus Kills Scientist

MELBOURNE, Saturday. — Martyr to research work she was doing for the sake of Australia's jungle troops, Miss Dora Lush, M.Sc., died here from scrub typhus.

Miss Lush, bacteriologist at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, was seeking an antidote to scrub typhus. While she was inoculating animals, the syringe slipped and pierced her finger, infecting her with the typhus.

Miss Lush insisted that specimens of her blood should be taken to aid the research work. There is no specific cure or method of preventing scrub fever.

VICTOR OF TUNISIA, General Sir Harold Alexander, Deputy C.-in-C. of Allied Forces in North Africa, drives his own jeep. — Sun Pic.

SNIPER'S DEATH

BRISBANE, Sat.—William Edward Sing, who as a sniper in the last war shot 150 Turks, on Gallipoli, died suddenly in Brisbane. Sing gained the DCM and Croix de Guerre. He was in the 5th Light Horse.

POLICY OF KEY TOWNS IN COUNTRY

CANBERRA, Sat.—Selection of key towns in the country and a deliberate, sustained policy of developing them industrially and socially was proposed in the Government's postwar plans, said the Postwar Reconstruction Minister (Mr Chifley).

In this way, Australia might arrive at a much better distribution of population, with city amenities made accessible to country people.

Mr. Dunstan's Policy

MELBOURNE, Sat. — Education reforms and new housing and health facilities for the country were among the main points of the policy speech by the Premier (Mr Dunstan) at Eaglehawk.

Mr Dunstan promised preference in Government employment to servicemen, with absolute preference to those who had served overseas or in combat.

LESSON OF CENTAUR

CANBERRA, Sat.—As a result of the sinking of the Australian hospital ship Centaur, the Federal Government may decide that all its hospital ships report their positions every few hours.

Says Marvel Living Costs Not Higher

SYDNEY, Sat. — When the public understood the many factors responsible for price rises they would marvel that the rise of 22½ p.c. in the cost of living index since 1939 was not greater, said the Prices Commissioner (Prof. Copland) at a farmers' and producers' meeting.

Cost of imported goods had doubled and the price of exported primary products had increased 35 p.c.

Forbes To Return

CANBERRA, Sat.—A New York cable says a Federal Court judge has agreed to reduce the five years' sentence on John Woolcott Forbes. He will be held in custody until handed over to Det. Godwin, of Sydney, for extradition to Australia.

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271. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 31 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-
(Camp duties 1-5 Jun will be provided as called for by RSM)

DUTY COY	-	A Coy
N.F.D.	-	B Coy
ORDERLY OFFICER	-	Lieut J C CRAMERI (Dismount 0500 1 Jun)
N.F.D. Duty Offr	-	Lieut R M McILROY (1 to 5.6.43)
ORDERLY N.C.O.	-	L/Cpl LAMPORT.C.R.
N.F.D.	-	A/Cpl LINDSAY.B.R.

272. SECURITY - The attention of all members is called to 2/14 Aust Inf Bn Standing Orders Section Two paras i, ii, iii, iv and v.
This will be read out by Coys on first available parade.

273. REGIMENTAL AUDIT BOARD - Reference R.O.No.52 para. 210:
1. In the absence of VX 14035 Capt W B RUSSELL, Capt F A CHRISTOPHERSON (VX 14038) will act as president of the Regtl Audit Board.
2. The following Officers will join the Board forthwith:
VX 39721 Lieut R M McILROY VX 17903 Lieut W B LANG
3. For the purposes of auditing the President and two members will constitute a board.
4. All accounts for each month will be credited and the usual certificate rendered by 3rd day of each following month.

274. USE OF ABBREVIATIONS - First Aust Army G(SD) 3437 of 25 Nov.42 instructs as follows:-
"Authorised abbreviations are issued to assist Officers in the rapid writing of orders and messages and to reduce the number of letters contained in words to be telegraphed.
In documents such as letters, reports and memoranda which are not usually written under conditions of great urgency no abbreviations will be used except those recognised for the designations of appointments and headquarters of formations or units."

275. COURTS OF INQUIRY - The following Officers will form a Court of Inquiry to enquire into loss of SMITH & WESSON .380 pistol No.V50385 on issue to VX 42450 L/Cpl BINGHAM E J.

President	-	VX 14682 Major LANDALE	W G A
Member	-	VX 29956 Capt CAIRNS	N

for Capt.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
29 May 43.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No 72
by
LT-COL H B CHALLEN MBE COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

268. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 29 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

DUTY COY	-	D Coy
N.F.D.	-	HQ Coy
ORDERLY OFFICER	-	Lieut N W PALLIER
N.F.D.	-	Lieut W B LAING
ORDERLY N.C.O.	-	Sjt CLEMENS.R.O.
N.F.D.	-	Sjt BOOTH.W.R.

269. COMPANY ADMINISTRATION - 1. Coys are responsible for maintaining the following records for all personnel within the Coys.
(i) Coy Roll Book (AB 76).
(ii) Conduct Sheet (B 122) up to and including the rank of Sjt.
(iii) Personal Record Sheet (Loose leaf).
(iv) Leave schedule (as per GRO 4559 of 1942).
(v) Record of training (Ptes only).
(vi) F 200 and 200a
(vii) F 201 and 88 (where required by Q.M).

2. It is essential that all personnel are fully covered by the above record cards or sheets.

3. (i) Personnel transferring out of the unit will be accompanied by all personal documents.
(ii) Personnel proceeding to schools will take F 200 and 200a (also F 201 NCO card if necessary)
(iii) Personnel proceeding to detention will take all personal documents except (iii) and (v).

4. Records belonging to drafts marching in will be distributed to Coys by BHQ as soon as possible. This does not relieve Coys of the responsibility of providing new records where necessary.

5. Some drafts will be in possession of documents which are not usually used by this Bn. They will include (a) Medical Record Card, and (b) 15033 (Dental Card) both of which will be sent to RAP and also WF 140 which will be lodged with the Pay NCO.

6. PERSONAL RECORD SHEETS - Medical classification should be entered under "Blood Group" e.g. A1 (UTS - leg injury)

7. APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFER, COMPASSIONATE LEAVE ETC - When applications are submitted to BHQ, to facilitate early consideration, relative B 122 should be attached and the following information given (preferably on separate slip):-
(i) AGE
(ii) MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION
(iii) SERVICE including date of enlistment, actions, period with unit etc.
(iv) CHARACTER & CONDUCT.
(v) ADDRESS OF NEXT-OF-KIN (Leave applications only).
(vi) MARITAL CONDITION.
(vii) Any other relevant details.

270. DRESS WINTER, Ref RO 70 para 230 - The order of dress set out will be fully observed from 1800 hrs today except that Belts Web need NOT be worn whilst WITHIN the Camp Area.

Capt/Lieut
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE
REGIMENTAL CANTEEN closes 1730 hrs 31 May to 1100 1 June for stocktaking.

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28 May 43.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDER PART 1
No 71
by
LT-COL H B CHALLEN MBE - COLD 2/14 AUST INF BN

264. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 28 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

DUTY COY - C Coy
N.F.D. - D Coy

ORDERLY OFFICER - .. Lieut E R CLARKE
N.F.D. - Lieut N J PALLIER

ORDERLY NCO - Cpl CRAIG.W.M.
N.F.D. - Sjt CLEMENS.R.C.

265. BDE DUTIES- (i) 21 Bde Detention Compound Guard roster is:-

Mounting 1030 hrs 4 June 43 - 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
" " 11 " 43 - 2/16 Aust Inf Bn.
" " 18 " 43 - 2/27 Aust Inf Bn.
" " 25 " 43 - 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

(ii) This unit will mount Guard in lieu of 2/27 Bn on 28 & 29 May 43. In adjustment 2/27 Bn's tour of duty will be extended two days, this unit mounting Guard on 6 June instead of 4 June as shown above.

266. UNIT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER - VX 45780 Sjt WILL R G Int Sec, is appointed Unit Educational Officer in lieu of Capt J B RUSSELL. Any matters relating to AES may be referred to him at "I" Sec tent behind BHQ Orderly Room.

267. CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 30 MAY 43 - Protestant - Bn Parade at 0900 hrs. Coy markers will report to A/RSM (WO11 OSBORNE J J) at 0915 hrs. Coys to be in position on Bn Parade Ground at 0925 hrs.

HOLY COMMUNION - Will be celebrated in Unit Recreation Hut 1015 hrs.

R C MASS - Will be celebrated in Unit Recreation Hut at 0800 hrs.

DRESS - Shirts, slacks, gaiters or puttees, belts waist, hats turned down.

268. DISPOSAL OF SWILL - Arrangements have been made for disposal of swill from unit kitchens. Commencing 29 May 43 bins containing same will be picked up at kitchens 0930 hrs each morning and returned the same morning.
Until additional drums are available present containers will be used. These must be clearly marked with unit serial number.
Swill is to be food refuse only and must NOT include paper, tin, glass, water or tea leaves. Containers must be appropriately marked and all personnel warned as to correct disposal of refuse.
Hygiene Sec will supply one man for unloading and cleaning bins before return.
Duty Coy each day will provide 2 men from 0830 until 1200 hrs for duty with Hygiene Sec (to report Hygiene Cpl 0820 hrs) for the handling of swill bins and any other necessary tasks.

Lieutenant Capt.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

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PART B

D.C.M. VX 23595 Pte McDONALD T T 2/14 Aust Inf Bn. PROMULGATION

MINUTE OF PUBLICATION

A District Court Martial convened by Major General G . VASEY GOC 7 Aust Div was held in the field on 17 May 43 for the trial of VX 23595 Pte McDONALD T T 2/14 Aust Inf Bn on charges of

1 WOA S, AWL from 1330 hrs 18 Mar 43 until 1900 hrs 21 Apr 43.

2 Losing by neglect equipment, regimental necessaries and clothing to the total value of £2/7/2.

FINDING

Guilty of both charges.

SENTENCE

To be imprisoned with hard labour for one year and to be put under stoppages of pay until he has been made good the sum of £2/7/2.

DATE OF SENTENCE

17 May 43.

CONFIRMED

by Major General G A VASEY 24 May 43. Sentence of imprisonment commuted to detention for one year.

PROMULGATED TO THE ACCUSED

In the field on 28 May 43.

The accused was held 22 days in close arrest awaiting trial.

VX 68776 Pte FARRELL P J 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

Was tried by DCM and sentenced to a fine of £20 on the charges:

1. WOAS, AWL from 1200 hrs on 15.3.43 until 2315 hrs 4 Mar 43 AA Sect 15 (i) a period of 18 days.

2. WOAS, AWL, when in Open Arrest, from 0400 hrs 18 Mar 43 until 0115 hrs 16 Apr 43. AA Sect 15 (i) a period of 29 days. TOTAL AWL PERIOD 47 days. In custody 4 Mar to 15 Mar and from 16 Apr to 4 May 43.

Sentenced at VICTORIA BARRACKS BRISBANE - 4 MAY 43.

Period in confinement awaiting trial - 19 days

Automatic forfeiture 47 days pay and allowances.

Total forfeiture - 66 days pay and allowances .

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2/14 Aus t Inf Bn.
May 43.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARM FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS P RT 1
No 70
by
LT-COL H.B.CHALLEN MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

259. BN DUTIES - To mount a t 1800 hrs 26 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

DUTY COY	-	A Coy
N.F.D.	-	B Coy
ORDERLY OFFICER	-	Lieut J G FARMER
N.F.D.	-	Lieut K L MOTT
ORDERLY N.C.O.	-	A/Cpl WHITECHURCH.J.H.
N.F.D.	-	Cpl FEELEY...J.

260. DRESS WINTER - Reference Bn R O 68/43 para 258: definition given as:-
(a) BY DAY - Shirts, trousers KD, puttees or gaiters, pullovers optional (or as ordered).
BY NIGHT - S D, belt web, personnel with anklets web will wear them - NO puttees. Officers may wear O R without gaiters.
(N.B., Personnel NOT in possession of S D will wear DRESS plus pullovers.)
(b) As from today all ranks will change to S D at 1800 hrs.
(c) Guards and sentries will NOT change to S D whilst on their tour of duty.
(d) S D will NOT be worn for any night tra ining.
(e) On Sundays after Church Parade, dress will be optional.
(f) As soon as possible Coys will ensure that all ranks have at least one complete set of green shirts and trousers KD.
(g) Coys will strive for uniformity at all times.

261. WATER TAPS - USE OF - The practice of washing Mesatins etc under the tap of the Camp water tank will be discontinued. Every endeavour will be made to prevent unnecessary waste of water at this point.

262. BRIGADE PARADE GROUND - All personnel will be warned that when visiting Bde HQ they are not to walk (or ride if using bicycles) on the Bde Pde Ground. This is the area in front of Bde Sig Office. Bn Orderlies will be warned that further infringement of this instruction will result in the withdrawal of the bicycle.

263. HOSPITAL EVACUATIONS - It is reported that personnel are being evacuated to 2/6 A C C S without Messing Gea r. Coys will ensure that all personnel evacuated to hospital are in possession of all necessary articles. Qls instructions regarding disposal of kit and equipment will be strictly observed.

Lieut.
Actg Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

AMENITIES - 6 AUST DIV CONCERTS - 6 Aus t Div Concert Party will show a complete change of programme as follows:

4 June 43	21 Aus t Inf Bde	Camp F
5 June 43	21 Aust Inf Bde)	Camp K
	25 " " ")	

Concert will commence at 1930 each night. 7 Aust Div Concert Party will show a compl te change of programme on completion of above.

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
22 May 43.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No 60
by
LT-COL H B CHALLEN MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

233. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1000 hrs 22 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

DUTY COY	-	B COY
N.F.D.	-	C COY
ORDERLY OFFICER	-	Lieut P H I LEVETT
N.F.D.	-	Lieut N H YOUNG
ORDERLY N.C.O.	-	A/Cpl BLACK.G.J.
N.F.D.	-	Cpl HOLDWELL.W.E.
CANTEEN SJT	-	See Notice No.3 below
N.F.D.	-	

234. SONG SERVICE - A song service conducted by Padre J A FINLAY will be held in the Recreation Hut commencing 1930 hrs Sunday 23 May 43.

235. PICTURE PARTIES, RAVENSHOE - Ref RO 62 para 243 and previous instructions: ticket office will open 1845 hrs daily. Vehicles conveying Unit personnel MUST NOT arrive RAVENSHOE before that hour.
(a) Coy parties will report to BHQ at 1810 hrs each Monday.
(b) Div HQ have arranged for 30 seats to be reserved for Officers till 1940 hrs each night.

266. DENTAL HYGIENE - The Unit Dental Centre will open 25 May 43.
1. All ranks WILL be dentally inspected as soon as possible - dates and times to be notified later.
2. Coys and BHQ will submit direct to Dental Centre by 1000 hrs 24 May 43 complete nominal roll of Officers and ORs giving number, rank and name. As further men march in supplementary rolls will be submitted direct.
3. Dental Sick Parade for urgent cases only will take place daily from 0835 hrs - 0935 hrs as from 25 May 43. All patients will be sent direct to Dental Centre on A46 or equivalent (in duplicate). One copy of this will be sent back to Coy concerned with relevant remarks.
4. After initial inspection of all ranks Dental Centre will notify Coys direct of personnel required for treatment giving times etc for appointments.

267. SICK PARADE - As from 25 May 43 Sick Parade will be held at 0635 hrs in lieu of 0745 hrs.

268. WASHING - It has been noticed that clothes are being washed in or about cookhouses. This practice is strictly forbidden and will cease forthwith.

P.H. Kennedy Lieut.
A/Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

1. CANTEEN - FREE MILK ISSUES - As from tomorrow 23 May 43 the issue of free milk will be discontinued. Commencing Monday next week milk will be soldat 3d per pannikin.

2. LOST - On Bde exercise between 0600hrs - 0900 hrs 21 May 43, 1 Map (canvas) Case (Army issue) with pencil and a notebook inside.

3. BEER ISSUE - Commencing tonight beer will be sold through CQMs as follows:- "A" and "B" Coys - "C" and "D" Coys - HQ Coy and BHQ.
CQMS of first named Coy will be responsible for distribution and accounting to Regimental Canteen.

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21 May 43.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
No 68
by
COL H.B.CHALLEN MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

257. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 21 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

DUTY COY - A COY
N.F.D. - B COY

ORDERLY OFFICER - Lieut E R CLARKE
(N.B. Lieut J G FARMER as Bn O O 18 May 43 will inspect duties and hand over to Lieut E R CLARKE)
N.F.D. - Lieut P M I LEVETT

ORDERLY N.C.O.) To be detailed by Duty Coy under advice
N.F.D.) to this HQ.

258. DRESS - Winter dress will be taken into use as from 17 May 43 by all Units under Command 2 Aust Corps (2 Aust Corps R O 129).
(N.B.) Shorts will NOT be worn until further notice.

259. TUMOULIN RACE CLUB - The second meeting of this club will be held at the TUMOULIN Race Course on Saturday 29 May 43.
Programme and general arrangements will be the same as for the previous Meeting held on Saturday 8 May 43, with the exception that ADMISSION to the Course for MILITARY Personnel will be FREE.
Coys will submit numbers desiring to attend to this HQ not later 1600 hrs 24 May 43.
Further particulars regarding transport arrangements etc, will be issued later.

260. CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY 23 May 43 - OTHER DENOMINATIONS - BN PARADE at 0930 hrs . Coy Markers will report to A/RSM (WO II OSBORNE W J) at 0915 hrs. Coys to be in position on Bn Parade Ground at 0920 hrs.

HOLY COMMUNION - Will be celebrated in Unit Recreation Hut at 1015 hrs.

R.C. MASS - Will be held at 0800 hrs in Unit Recreation Hut.

DRESS - Shirts, slacks, gaiters or puttees, Belts waist. hats turned down.

261. TROOPS ATTEMPTING TO TRAVEL IN GUARDS' VANS OF TRAINS - Complaints have been received that members of the forces have endeavoured to travel in the Guards' Vans of Trains.
This constitutes a breach of Queensland Government Railways By-laws (to which members of the Forces remain subject) and will cease.
Officers and NCOs will report any instances of this nature coming to their knowledge and will take particulars of any personnel involved.
Disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.(F.A.A. No.A105)

262. PAY OFFICER - Reference RO 63/43 para 235: Lieut E R CLARKE will act as Pay Officer - period 7 May to 3 June 43 in lieu Lieut A W STEEDMAN.

Lieut.
A/Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

EDUCATION SJT - Sjt BROWNE is now attached to 21 Bde HQ as Education Sjt Any matters concerning A.E.S will be referred to him through this HQ.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No 67
by
LT-COL H.B.CHALLEN MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

264. BN DUTIES - To mount a t 1800 hrs 17 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

DUTY COY - HQ COY
N.F.D. - A COY

ORDERLY OFFICER - Lieut A L SARGENT
N.F.D. - Lieut J G FARMER

ORDERLY N C O - Cpl LOWE.R.F.
N.F.D. - L/Cpl PASCOE.R.E.

remove

265. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY - In order to/misunderstanding by members concerning the effect of a grant of leave without pay, irrespective of authority under wrich such leave is granted, attention is directed to the provisions of War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations, which provide, in effect, that all pay (including allotments) and pay allowances cease in respect of any period for which a member is granted leave without pay.
When leave without pay is granted, the following will NOT be payable during the period of such leave:-
(a) Pay (including deferred pay) (b) Field allowance
(c) Command allowance (d) Special allowance
(e) Exchange allowance (f) Dependants allowance
(g) Travelling allowance (h) Subsistence allowance
(i) Any allowance payable under Regulation 9 of the a bove mentioned Regulations.
Leave without pay will NOT be imposed on a member compulsorily and, consequently, will always be covered by written application from the member, specifying tha t leave is desired without pay. (GRO A367 rptd)

266. DISCIPLINE - INTERFERENCE WITH TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS:-
FIRST AUST ARMY ORDER No 22 of 1942 is repeated hereunder -
"Many cases have been reported of interruption of civil telephone routes through acts of indiscipline on part of military personnel In each of the cases brought under notice, the aerial wire was broken as a result of small arms fire. Future cases of indiscipline in this regard will be considered as a serious offence, and dealt with accordingly."
The seriousness of such offences has apparently NOT been realised, as damage is still occurring with consequent delay to military and civil signal traffic.
The following action will be taken when any case of damage to telephone or telegraph installations occur.
The senior Officer, NCO or soldier available will be responsible for investigating and reporting such incidents.
All such offences will, from the date of promulgation of this order be referred to Formation HQ for trial by Court Martial or directions as to summary trial.
In the event of failure to take action as detailed above, the Officer responsible will be required to account for lack of action
(FIRST AUST ARMY ORDER A58 repeated)

Lieut.
A/Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

SPORTS RESULTS : Football Aust Rules 2/16 15 goals 12 behinds d 2/14 15 goals 9 behinds. Rugby 15.5.43 2/14 21 d 2/16 Nil. 16.5.43 2/14 lo were defeated by 2/25 12.

PART "B" (See Page 2)

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ROUTINE ORDER No.67

PART "B"

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS OF RANK

VX15288	Sjt	MILBOURNE	J.A.	Promoted	A/WO II	17.5.43
VX52014	"	BUTCHER	F.W.	"	"	17.5.43
VX22729	"	FOREMAN	P.E.	"	"	17.5.43
VX15982	S/Sjt	SYMONS	W.O.	"	"	17.5.43
VX22622	Cpl	McEWAN	D.L.	"	A/Sjt	17.5.43
VX10904	"	ROWLEDGE	G.F.	"	"	17.5.43
VX24485	"	FYFE	H.H.	"	"	17.5.43
VX16374	"	POWER	M.R.	"	"	17.5.43
VX36915	Pte	GIBB	L.D.	"	A/Cpl	17.5.43
NX74046	"	COYTE	H.P.	"	"	17.5.43
VX23671	L/Cpl	WHITECHURCH	J.H.	"	"	17.5.43
VX18891	"	PASCOE	R.E.	"	"	17.5.43
VX15284	Pte	YOUNGER	A.L.	"	"	17.5.43
VX22813	L/Cpl	CRUMP	E.C.	"	"	17.5.43
VX22875	"	ROGERS	S.J.	"	"	17.5.43
VX15330	"	JEFFREY	W.J.G.	"	"	17.5.43
VX15785	"	CAIRNS	E.C.	"	"	17.5.43
NX31728	"	RYAN	K.L.	"	"	17.5.43
VX22731	Pte	MORSE	R.E.W.	"	"	17.5.43
VX58740	"	MEACHIN	B.A.	"	"	17.5.43
NX130395	"	YOUNG	G.W.	"	"	17.5.43
VX13050	"	MEAGHER	T.W.	"	"	17.5.43
VX24412	"	McGAVIN	P.A.	"	"	17.5.43
NX144079	"	SHEARD	A.S.	"	"	17.5.43
VX30934	"	MUIRO	H.A.M.	"	"	17.5.43
VX45348	"	ARMSTRONG	D.G.	"	"	17.5.43
VX22398	"	O'CONNELL	F.W.	"	"	17.5.43
VX16488	"	MEADE	L.A.	Appointed	L/Cpl	17.5.43
VX24959	"	WEBB	D.E.	"	"	17.5.43

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13 May 43.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No 66
by
LT-COL H.B.CHALLEN MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

259. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 16 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

DUTY COY	-	C COY
N.F.D.	-	HQ COY
ORDERLY OFFICER	-	Lieut M.W.PALLIER
N.F.D.	-	Lieut A.L.SARGENT
ORDERLY N C O	-	Cpl CAMERON.G.
N.F.D.	-	Cpl LOWE R.F.

260. PMF AND CMF ENLISTMENT IN AIF - On 6 April 43 War Cabinet approved the lowering of the age limit for voluntary enlistment of males in the AIF to 18 years, subject to the existing conditions for enlistment in the AIF.
The employment of all members of the AIF under the age of 20 years is to be subject to the same restrictions as are now applicable to Universal Service Personnel under the age of 20 years (vide GRO A492/42). Suitable amendments to GROs to give effect to these matters will be published at an early date.
In the meantime amendment of GRO A168/42 may be anticipated to permit voluntary enlistment in the AIF of male personnel between the ages of 18 and 40 years in accordance with GRO (as amended). It is stressed that the written consent of parents is necessary in all cases of enlistment in AIF of volunteers under 21 years. (2 Aust Corps RO No 119)

261. PARADE STATES - Rendered at 1600 hrs daily - In addition to naming on the parade state any movement of personnel affecting the posted strength of the Coy, it is required, that in future, a slip will be appended to the parade state, showing names of personnel moving IN or OUT on detachment, schools etc, and showing sufficient information to identify the particular movement.

262. CLASSIFICATION OF PROTECTED DOCUMENTS - The classification of protected documents adopted in the United States Forces, together with Australian equivalents is as stated hereunder:-

U.S.Category	AUST Category
SECRET	MOST SECRE T
CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET
RESTRICTED	CONFIDENTIAL

The classification of United States documents (directives, memoranda, pamphlets etc) will be carefully noted by Australian Officers and Other Ranks who are required to handle such documents, and the same degree of protection will be afforded to U.S. documents as is afforded to Aust. documents of the equivalent classification. (GRO 3319)

263. SERVICE CHEVRONS - Attention is directed to GROs A45 & A153 & 283, 1943. Complaints are still being received that some personnel who are NOT entitled to service chevrons are wearing them. In particular, it is alleged that some personnel who have served in DARWIN are doing this. C Os will give this matter constant attention and institute checks to ensure that such chevrons are worn only by personnel who are entitled to them, I.E., members of the AIF, approved representatives of philanthropic organizations and civilians attached to the forces in an official capacity(except those disqualified under para 4 GRO A45/1943) who have departed from the final place of call in AUSTRALIA for an overseas theatre of operations or who have entered a "declared theatre of operations". The only portions of the Commonwealth of AUSTRALIA so far declared to be theatres of operations for this purpose are the Mandated Territory of NEW GUINEA and the Territory of PAPUA as from 1st Jun 1942 (GRO A346) Repeated for Infm. and action)

Lieut.
A/Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

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15 May 43.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No 65
by
LT-COL H.B.CHALLEN MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

254. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 15 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

DUTY COY	-	B COY
N.F.D.	-	C COY
ORDERLY OFFICER	-	Lieut M.L.MOTT
N.F.D.	-	Lieut N.W.PALLIER
ORDERLY N.C.O.	-	L/Cpl CRUMP.E.C.
N.F.D.	-	L/Cpl CAMERON G.
CANTEEN SJT	-	A/SJT GRAHAM.D.R.
N.F.D.	-	SJT THOMSON.A.W.

255. SONG SERVICE - A song service, conducted by Padre J.A.FIELD in the Recreation Hut commencing 1930 hrs Sunday 16 May 43.

256. DRESS - Unauthorised articles of clothing are being worn in many instances. This is particularly noticeable in the case of home-knitted pullovers. Such items will NOT be worn except under the jacket or shirt. Rigid adherence to the correct orders of dress must be observed. (7 Aust Div R O No 11 dated 2 May 43)

257. PMF and CMF ENLISTMENT IN A.I.F. - From an examination of AFs W3008 and W 3009 (Weekly Field Returns, Offrs and ORs) it is apparent that many units are not yet implementing GRO A345/42 which provides, inter alia, that:- "Personnel transferring from PMF and CMF to AIF become members of A IF from date of completion of AAF 200."
It is essential, for operational maintenance and administrative purposes to know the AIF component of Units, and action is to be taken forthwith by Formations to bring this matter under notice of all Units under Comd, to ensure that all AIF personnel, including transfers from PMF and CMF effected in accordance with GRO A345/42, are shown as such on all relevant returns. (2 Aust Corps Routine Order No 96.)

258. DESERTERS AND AWLS - WARRANTS FOR ARREST OF: First Aust Army Order A284/42 is repeated.
1. First Aust Army Orders Nos 96, 130 and 157 are cancelled.
2. Attention is directed to AIR & O 461 as amended by Serial No 33.
3. In accordance with AIR & O 461 one warrant only will be issued and signed by the C O.
4. The warrant, together with a descriptive report (AAF A52) will be forwarded by the C O direct to the HQ of the L of C Area which it is considered the absentee may be in. (First Aust Army Order A102)

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14 May 43.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No 64
by
LT-COL H.B.CHALLEN MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN.

248. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 14 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Duty Coy - A Coy
N.F.D. - B Coy

Orderly Officer - Lieut J.R.GREENWOOD
N.F.D. - Lieut M.L.MOTT

Orderly N C O - L/Cpl WHITECHURCH.J.H.
N.F.D. - L/Cpl CRUMP.E.C.

249. CHURCH PARADES - SUNDAY MAY 16. -
PROTESTANT - Bn Parade 0930 hrs . Coy Markers will report to A/RSM (WOii OSBORNE.W.J.) at 0915 hrs. Coys to be in position on Bn Parade ground at 0920.hrs.

HOLY COMMUNION - will be celebrated in Unit Recreation Hut at 1015 hrs.
R C MASS - will be held at 0800 hrs in Unit Recreation Hut.
DRESS - Shirts, slacks, gaiters or puttees, belts waist, hats turned down.

250. ROUTINE 15 MAY 43 - Owing to Bde Parade at 0845 hrs the following routine will be observed tomorrow morning:
REVEILLE 0600 hrs
BREAKFAST 0700 hrs
Coy PARADES 0755 hrs
BN PARADE 0815 hrs (Coy Markers to report to RSM 0805hrs)
DRESS: As for last Bde Parade.

251. SECURITY - It has been reported that personnel of this formation have, when signing their names in visitors books, etc, belonging to civilians, shown their unit and location in addition to their name and number. The practice of mentioning unit or location is absolutely forbidden. Personnel, when making such an entry, may sign only NUMBER, RANK and NAME. (7 Div R O 15 dated 9 May 43)

252. MOVEMENT OF OFFICERS - All Officers up to and including the rank of Major must pass through REDLYNCH Staging Camp when moving from the Area. Onward movement will be arranged by REDLYNCH Sta ging Camp. Under no circumstances are Officers to communicate direct with Movement Control CAIRNS. (7 Div R O 23 dated 9 May 43)

253. WAR SAVINGS CERTIFICATES - Fa cilities for the purchase of War Savings Certificates are available to members of the Forces, and particulars will be supplied by Unit Pay Col on request. (Div R O 9 dated 2.5.43)

ADDENDUM - Unit ROs Part 1 Nos 58, 59 and 61 will be dated 6 May 43, 7 May 43 and 9 May 43 respectively.

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A/Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE

CINEMA - Mobile Cinema will be showing "MANHATTAN MELODRAMA" in Bde Area (Camp J) tomorrow 15.5.43. Two seesions - First Session commencing at 1815 hrs. Second Session at 2015 hrs.

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13 May '43

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
No.63
by
LT-COL H.B.CHALLEN, MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

244. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 13 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Duty Coy	-	HQ Coy
N.F.D.	-	A Coy
Bn Ord Officer	-	Lieut N.H.YOUNG (In lieu of Lieut LEVETT)
N.F.D.	-	Lieut J.R.CREE M/CCD.
Bn Ord NCO	-	Cpl CURR H.H.
N.F.D.	-	L/Cpl WHITECHURCH J.H.

245. WIRE GAUZE - USE OF .303 RIFLE BARRELS -
All pullthroughs at present being supplied are fitted with wire gauze, the general use of which is approved on active service.
By reason of the fact that, under wartime training conditions rifles are subjected to almost continuous use, the use of pullthroughs fitted with wire gauze is now authorised under training as well as active service conditions. This authority will not, however, apply to the training of L of C unit personnel; in such cases, the wire gauze will be removed before using the pullthrough.
The attention of all concerned is directed to S.A.T. Vol I, Pamphlet No.3, in regard to instruction for the use of wire gauze. These instructions will be strictly observed.
(GRO 0.356)

246. BREAKING DOWN OF SERVICE OR ENEMY AMMUNITION -
The breaking-down of service or enemy ammunition in any way other than that authorised by training publications, hand books, regulations in existence or instructions issued by LHQ, is strictly forbidden.
The breaking-down of any service or enemy ammunition by unauthorised persons is prohibited.
If information is required on the internal construction of any type of service ammunition, reference can be made to inspecting ordnance officers posted to HQ of Corps or L of C areas.
(GRO G.341)

247. IGNITER SETS - GRENADES No.36M - SUSCEPTIBILITY TO MOISTURE -
The 122 R.F. cartridge cap, as used in the igniter sets for grenades No.36M, is highly susceptible to moisture.
Personnel handling igniter set containers will observe strictly the following procedure:-

(a.) Igniter sets are always issued in soldered cylinders Should a cylinder be opened and the whole of the contents not expended, the cylinder will be resealed by effective adhesive tape or shellac binding.

(b) Detonators which show visible signs of corrosion or verdigris on the caps will be treated as suspect, as these are liable to produce blinds. Units will refer such detonators to an inspecting Ordnance Officer for determination of condition.

Units will keep the number of "ready use" grenades to a minimum, consistent with operational needs, and in tropical areas this number will not exceed four days requirements in advance.
(GRO 3.342)

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No 62
by
LT-COL H.B.CHALLEN MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

242. BN DUTIES - To mount 1800 hrs 12 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

DUTY COY	-	D Coy
N.F.D.	-	HQ Coy
ORDERLY OFFICER	-	Lieut E.R.CLARKE
N.F.D.	-	Lieut P.M.I.LEVETT
ORDERLY N C O	-	Sjt BOOTH.W.R.
N.F.D.	-	Cpl MacEWAN.D.L.

243. PICTURE PARTIES, RAVENSHOE - In future, members of Unit Picture Parties will be moved from Coy Lines in charge of a responsible N C O to reach BHQ by 1815 hrs each Monday.
The N C O will carry an amended Nominal Roll which will be handed in to BHQ on reporting.
Arrangements are being made for the reservations for seating of Army Personnel.

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Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

AMENITIES - Regtl Canteen Orders - These will be made available at BHQ 1000 hrs 13 May 43 for completion and issue by Coys to all other ranks on strength as at this date. The requisite number will be collected and signed for by Coy Comds or 2 i/cs.
Personnel to whom they are issued will be informed that these orders must be presented to the Unit Canteen BEFORE 31 May 43.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No 61
by
LT-COL H.B.CHALLEN MBE - COMD 2/14 A UST INF BN.

236. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 9 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Duty Coy	-	B Coy
N.F.D.	-	C Coy
Orderly Officer	-	Lieut J.G.FARMER
N.F.D.	-	Lieut N.L.MOTT.
Orderly NCO	-	L/Cpl ROGERS.S.J.
N.F.D.	-	A/Sjt BURNETT.J.T.

237. AMERICAN RED CROSS CANTEEN - ATHERTON - Owing to the limited facilities for CRs in ATHERTON, the privileges extended to members of the Forces by the American Red Cross Canteen are available for use by CRs only.

238. DISPOSAL OF TINS - All tins which have contained foodstuffs must be burnt a nd crushed before burying.

239. BUNGS AND WASHERS FOR 4 GALL AND 44 GALL DRUMS - Severe shortages of rubber used in washers and of die-caste metal used in bungs make it essential that these items be conserved. Units using drums will replace bungs and washers and tighten them with a bung-spanner. Care will be taken not to dama ge bungs by using a hammer or other unauthorised method of opening. (G.R.O. 4 327 23 Apr 43)

240. TOOTHBRUSHES - REPLACEMENT ISSUES - Toothbrushes will be replaced by free issues at not less than three-monthly intervals on return of unserviceable brushes. (G.R.O. 0 559 11 Dec 42)

241. USE OF THE WORDS "AIRCRAFT" AND "AIRFIELD" - In future the words "Aircraft" and "Airfield" will be used in all military correspondence, operation orders, messages and signals, instead of the words "Aeroplane" and "Aerodrome". The term "Advanced Landing Ground" will, however, continue to be used where appropriate. (G.R.O. 4 240)

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No 60
by
LT-COL H.B.CHALLEN MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

233. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 8 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Duty Coy	-	A Coy
N.F.D.	-	B Coy
Orderly Officer	-	Lieut A.L.SARGENT
N.F.D.	-	Lieut J.G.FARMER
Orderly NCO	-	L/Cpl BLACK.E.
N.F.D.	-	L/Cpl ROGERS.S.J.

234. MAIL -INCORRECT ADDRESSING OF:-
1. Attention is directed to the confusion and delay in delivery of mail occasioned by formations and units using unauthorised abbreviations.
2. Where doubt exists as to the correct abbreviations for a unit designation, the full designation will be used.
3. In particular OTS is NOT an authorised abbreviation for Combined Training School. OTS has been confused with Camouflage Training School causing delay in delivery of mail.
4. Attention is also directed to the provisions of GRO 2174 of 1942 (reprinted below) dealing with the addressing of correspondence to members of units of the Field Army serving in AUSTRALIA and its territories and to the duties of Franking Officers in regard to the use of correct military addresses in all correspondence from members of the Forces.

G.R.O. 2174. POST L DDRESS - (1) The use of the indicators "AIF AUSTRALIA" and "HOME FORCES" in post l addresses will be discontinued forthwith. In future, the address for correspondence (Including telegrams) for members of units of the Field Army serving in AUSTRALIA or its Territories (i.e., NEW GUINEA and PAPUA) will comprise:-

(i) Army Number
(ii) Rank
(iii) Name
(iv) Squadron, Battery, Company or other Sub-unit.
(v) Unit (i.e. Regiment, Battalion etc)
(vi) The indicator "AUSTRALIA".

Mail matter and telegrams for personnel of units comprising fixed defences, training units, hospitals and other stationary establishments will continue to be addressed to place names as hitherto.
(2) The attention of all unit Franking Officers will be specially drawn to paragraph (2) of Appendix C to Army Field Censorship Instruction No 22. It is of the utmost importance that the correct military address of the writer be shown at the head of all correspondence from members of the Forces. The unit title should be shown in full but, where abbreviations are used, only those authorized will be used.

235. PAY OFFICER - Reference "Memo in lieu of RCs" of 21 April 43:
Lieut A.W.STEEDMAN will act as Pay Officer for period 7.5.43 to 3.6.43.

Capt/Lieut
for Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICES

AMENITIES - The following free issues provided by A.C.F. were made today:
Toilet Soap - 391 cakes. P Ks - 782. Toothpastes - 391 tubes
Biscuits - 196 pkts. Tobacco - 300x1 oz. Cake - 12 lb.
Cigarette papers - 260 pkts. Cigarettes - 90 x 10.
In addition supplementary issue against the Regtl Fund:-
Tobacco - 40 ozs F.C. Cigarette papers - 40 pkts.
Boot Polish - 120 tins.

SONG SERVICE -
A song service will be held in Recreation Hut, 1930 hrs, Sunday 9.5.43 by Padre FITZ.E.

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May 43

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
No.59
by
LT-COL H.B.CHALLEN, MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

223. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 7 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Duty Coy	- HQ Coy
N F D	- A Coy
Orderly Officer	- Lieut R.A.DREDGE
N F D	- Lieut A.L.SARGENT
Orderly NCO	- Cpl WATSON C.H.
N F D	- L/Cpl BLACK E.

224. CHURCH PARADE - SUNDAY 9.5.43 -

PROTESTANT - Bn Parade 0930 hrs. Coy markers will report to A/RSM (WOII OSBORNE W.J.) at 0910 hrs. Coys to be in position on Bn Parade Ground at 0920 hrs. 2/25 Bn will be attending this parade. Dress as previous.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated in unit Recreation Hut at 1015 hrs.

R.C.MASS - To be advised later.

Capt.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

AMENITIES -

1. It will be brought to the notice of all ranks that the following free distributions have been made from Regtl funds for the month of April.

Milk	£96 - 18 - 0
Beer	£28 - 12 - 2
Supplementary foodstuffs -	£58 - 1 - 3
News papers	£ 1 - 1 - 0

2. To celebrate the third anniversary of the foundation of the unit, the CO has authorised for issue early next week, a Canteen Order of 5/- each OR on the Unit Canteen from Regtl Funds.

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May 43.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No 58
by

LT-COL H.B.CHALLEN MBE COMD 2/14 AUST INF

223. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 6 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Duty Coy	- D Coy
N.F.D.	- HQ Coy
Orderly Officer	- Lieut P.M.I.LEVETT
N.F.D.	- Lieut R.A.DREDGE
Orderly NCO	- L/Cpl RYAN.K.S.
N.F.D.	- Cpl WATSON.C.H.

224. HYGIENE - CLEANLINESS OF LINES.

Drains - Coys will be responsible for keeping drains in their respective areas in good working order and for maintainence generally. They will be kept free of rubbish and semi-stagnant water as far as practicable.
Straw - All unusable straw lying in Coy lines will be burnt.

Daily cleaning - Coy Comds will ensure that environs (No Man's Land) as well as their own immediate areas are kept free of rubbish. If necessary cleaning parades will be conducted out of training hours.

225. DRESS - Unauthorised articles of clothing are being worn in many instances. This is particularly noticeable in the case of home-knitted pull-overs. Such items will NOT be worn except under the jacket or shirt. Rigid adherence to the correct order of dress must be observed.

226. HYGIENE DISCIPLINE -
1. The incidence in the Army area of preventable diseases such as Dysentry indicates that Units are neglecting training in Field Hygiene.
2. The importance of sound training and strict discipline in this phase of Army activities must be realised by all ranks, as sickness can destroy an army far more quickly and completely than enemy action.
3. Hygiene staffs are provided in all formations, and these must be energetic and practical. A hygiene inspector is a Unit's technical adviser against its most dangerous enemy, and his advice should be sought deliberately, never rejected or avoided.
4. An efficient unit always has a low wastage rate, because it prevents unnecessary disease. (A.A. Order A81 1943)

227. PROHIBITED PLACES - ENTRY INTO. Army personnel will NOT enter areas which are marked "PROHIBITED PLACES" under National Security Regulations unless it is necessary to do so.

228. SALVAGE - Every care must be taken in opening and unpacking all cases, containers , cartons etc, so that same may be re-utilised to the fullest extent possible. (2 Aust Corps R O 111)

229. IRREGULAR RETURN OF PERSONNEL TO UNITS - Personnel returning to units, other than from leave, including "X" List, should be in possession of a movement order or other authority for movement issued by the unit responsible for their return. (Ref First A.A. Order A86)
Such nominal rolls, movement orders etc must be handed in to unit Orderly Rooms on arrival.

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230. REORGANISATION OF PAY SERVICE - On and after 24 March 1943 all functions now performed by the Command Paymaster, First Aust Army will return to District Finance Offices with the exception of Field inspection, and control and movement of A.A.P.C. personnel in the Field.
The following procedure will be observed where applicable by Formation HQs, Branches, Services and Units:-

A. Allotments. - All allotment Variation Forms, correspondence and Signals relating to allotments generally will be directed to the DFO of the members State of Enlistment.

B. Claims. - All claims and correspondence thereon will be directed to Formation or Depot Paymasters for onward despatch to the DFO Q'land L of C Area. Travelling, meal and subsistence allowance claims will continue to be paid by the Formation and Depot Paymasters.

C. Correspondence concerning Army Personnel. - Correspondence already initiated with Command Paymaster First Aust Army (AIF) will be finalised, but all future queries will be directed to the DFO District of Enlistment of member concerned.

D. Home Leave Passes and Rail Warrants (HLs 1 and 2) - These books will be obtainable from Formation or Depot Paymasters as at present. On the first day of each month Unit COs will forward the following to DFO Q'land L of C Area.

(1) HL1 and HL2 books completed during the previous month together with a list of any Non-collected Combined Home Leave Pass and Railway Tickets pasted on the outside of the relative books.

(2) A list (in duplicate) giving full particulars of Passes issued from incomplete Books on hand. Where a book is in use for more than two months and is not completed and returned in that time the second list in the terms of this para may commence with:-
"Particulars of Passes No..... to ..... advised on (Date)"

E. Pay. - Present arrangements under which Unit COs obtain Sub Imprest Advances from Formation or Depot Paymasters will continue and the advance acquitted to Paymasters in accordance with existing instruct...

F. Paybooks. -

(1) Declarations of Loss of Paybooks (WF 184) will be forwarded direct to the DFO Q'land L of C except in the case of Units who are at present obtaining Duplicate Paybooks from Paymasters at RAVENSHOE and CHARTERS TOWERS.

(11) Duplicate and Continuation Pa books will be issued by the DFO Q'land L of C except in the case of Units obtaining their requirements from the cash Offices mentioned in sub-para (1) above.

(111) WF 173 (Reconciliation of Continuation Paybook Advice). The above forms will be forwarded direct to unit by the DFO of State of Enlistment.

(1V) WF 174 (Conversion of Duplicate Paybook Advice). Applications for conversion of Duplicate Paybooks to Continuation Paybooks will be made by the unit direct from DFO of State of Enlistment.

(V) WF 5D (Extract of Paybook). Completed WFs 5D will be forwarded to DFO of members State of Enlistment.

G. Personnel. - Field staff (A.A.P.C.) will remain under control of Command Paymaster First Aust Army and any applications from COs for personnel to fill vacancies existing on WEs and all other correspondence re A.A.P.C. attachments will be forwarded through normal channels.

H. Returns by Unit Pay-Sergeants. - All returns at present required to be rendered to the Command Paymaster by Unit Pay Sergeants will be forwarded direct to the DFO Q'land L of C Area.

I. Supplementary Rations. - Monthly Supplementary Ration Statements (WF 177) will be forwarded to Formation or Depot Paymasters for despatch to DFO Q'land L of C Area.

J. Trust A/c Requisitions. - (WF 132) - Where completed Trust Requisitions requesting payment of accounts by cheque cannot be acted upon by Paymaster he will forward WF 132 to DFO Q'land L of C Area for necessary action.

K. Detailed instructions for Paymasters will be issued direct to them. Any queries in connection with the changeover will be referred to Paymasters for advice or ultimate decision by Command Paymaster.

A Cairns Capt.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

CORRIGENDA - Mobile cinema as advised in BRO 57 will be screening in Camp F 1900 hrs 7 May 43 NOT 8 May 43.

Telegrams - MOTHER'S DAY - To be lodged tomorrow for arrival on time.

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5 May 43.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART I
No.57
by
LT-COL H.B.CHALLEN, MBE - COMD 2/14 AUST INF BN

221. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 5 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Duty Coy	-	C Coy
N F D	-	D Coy
Orderly officer	-	Lieut N.W.PALLIER
N.F D	-	Lieut P.M.LEVETT
Orderly NCO	-	Cpl CAMERON G.
N F D	-	L/Cpl RYAN N.S.

222. COURT OF INQUIRY - The following officers will form a Court of Inquiry /to enquire into, and report upon the illegal absence of:-

VX13469 Pte SMITH W.J.
VX13473 " SMITH F.A.
QX 9503 " McCANN J.

President	-	VX14632 Capt W.G.A.LAIDALE
Member	-	VX35782 Lieut P.N.I.LEVETT

This cancels Convening Order for any other Court of Inquiry on the above named.

The following will form a Court of Inquiry to enquire into and report upon the illegal absence of:-

QX32590 Pte ASHWORTH J.H.

President	-	VX14632 Capt W.G.A.LAIDALE.
Member	-	VX20218 Lieut A.W.STEEDMAN.

This cancels Convening Order for any other Court of Inquiry on the above named.

Lieut Command
for Capt.
Adjt 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES

MOBILE CINEMA ITINERARY -

8 May 43 21 Bde (Camp "F"). Feature:- "TIN PAN ALLEY" and SHORTS; commencing 1900 hrs.

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4 May 43.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
No 56
by
LT-COL H.B.CHALLEN MBE COND 2/14 AUST INF BN

218. BN DUTIES - To mount at 1800 hrs 4 May 43 for 24 hr tour of duty:-

Duty Coy - B Coy
N.F.D. - C Coy

Orderly Officer - Lieut M.L.MOTT
N.F.D. - Lieut E.W.FALLIER

Orderly NCO - Cpl McDONALD H.S.
N.F.D. - Cpl CAMERON G.

219. VOLUNTEERS FOR 1 AUST PARACHUTE BN.

1. Written applications will be called for from personnel desirous of volunteering for service with above unit. Applications to reach this HQ by 1800 hrs 5 May 43.

2. Coy Comds will give every encouragement to personnel under their Command to volunteer.

3. Personnel must possess the following qualifications:-

(a) AGE - Over 22 years and under 32 years.
MARITAL CONDITION - Preferably single. Married men without children will be considered for selection.
HEIGHT - 5 ft 2 to 6 ft 0.
MEDICAL CLASS - A1.
VISUAL STANDARD - 6/12 in each eye without glasses normal or defective safe.
EARS, NOSE AND THROAT - Same as for Air Crew RAAF, except dental standard.
DENTAL STANDARD - May be without natural teeth provided they are fitted with well fitting upper and lower dentures.

(b) Applicants must possess courage, determination, average intelligence and individuality, be strictly amenable to discipline and able to keep own counsel.

4. In addition to the foregoing, the following service is necessary

(a) OFFICERS - 9 months including 3 months commissioned service at date of recommendation by C O.

(b) OTHER RANKS - Must be thoroughly trained soldiers with NOT less than 3 months service.

5. Under further instructions to be issued by LHQ, volunteers will be concentrated in the nearest capital cities and will appear before a Selection Board, the members of which will be nominated by LHQ, and subsequently before a RAAF Medical Board. Those failing to qualify on examination by either of these Boards, will be returned to their units. (Ref 1 Aust A O A98)

220. PHOTOGRAPHY - APPROVED PHOTOGRAPHERS: -(First Aust Army Order G93)

1. Names of photographers approved by HQ Queensland L of C Area in accordance with GRO G645/42 are shown under the heading of Notices included with these orders, (above named).

2. Personnel wishing to send films for processing outside the L of C Area in which their unit is stationed, may enquire through their respective units, from division or higher formation the names of approved photographers in any other L of C

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War Diary

Army Form W.3008
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TO BE MADE UP TO AND FOR SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Serial - 12/4/60
W.E. - 11/12c/2

Unit - 32 - 745
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/14 AUST INF BN (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
* W.E.			
Lieut.-Colonels 1	1		-
Majors 3	1		2
Captains 8	5		3
Lieutenants 19	19		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters 1	1		-
Totals 32	27	-	5

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
T/Capt	McGLINCHEY T J	2/14 Bn	27.5.43	R.T.L. 6 C.C.S.
T/Capt	CAIRNS N	2/14 Bn	27.5.43	R.T.L. 6 C.C.S.
Lieut	McILROY R M	2/14 Bn	24.543	R.T.U. Sec 21 Bde.
Lieut	DA VIES W M	2/14 Bn	24:5:43	R.T.U. Gas School.
Lieut	RAINEY D W	2/14 Bn	25.5.43	R.T.L. Hospital.
Lieut	THOMPSON R N	2/14 Bn	2 2.5.43	R.T.U. from Det. 2/24 Bn

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Capt	BEGGS G.	2/14 Bn	21 Aust Inf Tng Bn

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt-col	VX138	CHALLEN H.B.	2/14 Bn	Yes	
Capt	VX14032	HAMILTON I.W.	"	No	Leave
Capt	VX14682	LANDALE W.G.A.	"	Yes	
Capt	VX14035	RUSSELL W.B.	"	Yes	
Capt	VX14097	O'DAY G.O.	"	Yes	
Capt	VX14038	CHRISTOPHERSEN F.A.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX14028	EVANS K.A.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX39734	CRAMERI J.C.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX14657	FARMER J.C.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX15289	SCHWIND L.C.J.	"	No	School
Lieut	VX38947	GREENWOOD J.R.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX35782	LEVETT P.M.I.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX52840	HOWARD L.W.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX30930	CLARKE E.R.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX15274	MOTT M.L.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX17954	THOMPSON R.N.	"	No	Det 2/24 Bn
A/Lieut	VX16157	YOUNG N.H.	"	Yes	
A/Lieut	VX15290	SARGEANT A.L.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX14628	DREDGE R.A.	"	Yes	
Lieut	N 113732	DAVIES W.M.	"	No	School
Lieut	N 45381	PALLIER N.W.T.	"	Yes	
Lieut	NX115836	NOLAN T.	"	No	(AOD Baggage Party
A/Lieut	VX15522	WATSON R.R.	"	Yes	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Chap	VX133078	FINLAY J.A.	AA Ch D	11.2.43	Chaplain
Capt	VX40762	McKENZIE I.S.	2/24 Bn	20.4.43	Temporary
Capt	NX144555	MAINWARING N.S.	2/8 Dental Unit	19.5.43	Dentist

2/14 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

H Challen Lt-col. (Signature of Commander)

22 May 43. (Date of Despatch)

21 Aust Inf Bde (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/14 AUST INF BN (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks WE	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels 1	1	-	-
Majors 3	-	-	3
Captains 8	5	-	3
Lieutenants 19	17	-	2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters 1			1 (Capt)
Totals 32	23	-	9

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Capt	HAMILTON I W	2/14 Bn	14/5/43	Ceases to be detached to 21/25 Bde Carrier Gp

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
T/Capt	CAIRNS N	2/14 Bn	13/5/43	Evacuated to 6 CCS
T/Capt	McGLINCHEY T J	do	9/5/43	do

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt-col	VX 138	CHALLEN H B	2/14 Bn	YES	
T/Major	VX 14682	LANDALE W G A	"	YES	
Capt	VX 14032	HAMILTON I W	"	NO	LEAVE
Capt	VX 14035	RUSSELL W B	"	YES	
Capt	VX 14097	O'DAY G O	"	YES	
Capt	VX 14038	CHRISTOPHERSON F A	"	YES	
T/Capt	VX 52879	McGLINCHEY T J	"	YES	
T/Capt	VX 29956	CAIRNS N	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 14028	EVANS K A	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 39734	CRAMERI J C	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 14657	FARMER J G	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 15289	SCHWIND L C J	"	NO	SCHOOL
Lieut	VX 38847	GREENWOOD J R	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 14272	RAINEY D W	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 35782	LEVETT P M I	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 52840	HOWARD L W	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 39271	McILROY R M	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 30930	CLARKE E R	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 15274	MOTT M L	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 17954	THOMPSON R N	"	YES	
A/Lieut	VX 16157	YOUNG N H	"	YES	
A/Lieut	VX 15290	SARGENT A I	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 14628	DREDGE R A	"	YES	
Lieut	N 113732	DAVIES W M	"	YES	
Lieut	N 45381	PALLIER N W T	"	YES	
Lieut	NX 115836	NOLAN T	"	NO	(AOD Baggage Party)
A/Lieut	VX 15522	WATSON R R	"	YES	

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Chap	VX 133078	FINLAY J A	AA Ch D	11.2.43	Chaplain
Capt	NX 144555	MAINWARING N S	2/8 Dental Unit	19.5.43	Dentist

2/14 AUST INF BN
(Unit)

29 MAY 43
(Date of Despatch)

Lt-col.
Comd 2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
(Signature of Commander)

21 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/14 AUST INF BN ..... (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels 1	1		
Majors 3	2		1
Captains 8	6		2
Lieutenants 19	17		2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters 1	1 (Capt)		
Totals 32	26		5

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
T/Capt	CLERK H.	2/14 Bn	2.5.45	From hospital.
Lieut	STEVENSON A.E.	"	2/5/45	do

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	SCHMIDT L.C.J.	2/14 Bn	3.5.45	To PC WAB & Cmdg School.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1 Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	2 Personal Number	3 Name and Initials	4 Corps	5 Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	6 If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt-Col	VX 138	CHALLEN H B	2/14 Bn	YES	
Capt	VX 14682	LANDALE W G A	"	YES	
Capt	VX 14032	HAMILTON I W	"	YES	
Capt	VX 14035	RUSSELL W B	"	YES	
Capt	VX 14097	O'DAY G O	"	YES	
Capt	VX 14038	CHRISTOPHERSEN F A	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 14028	EVANS K A	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 14657	FARMER J G	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 17903	LAING W B	"	NO	SCHOOL
Lieut	VX 20218	STEEDMAN A W	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 38847	GREENWOOD J R	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 35782	LEVETT P M I	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 52840	HOWARD L W	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 30930	CLARKE E R	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 15289	SCHWIND L C J	"	NO	SCHOOL
Lieut	VX 15274	MOTT M L	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 17954	THOMPSON R N	"	NO	DET 2/24 BN
A/LIEUT	VX 16157	YOUNG N H	"	YES	
A/Lieut	VX 15290	SARGEANT A L	"	YES	
Lieut	VX 14628	DREDGE R A	"	YES	
Lieut	N 113732	DAVIES W M	"	NO	SCHOOL
Lieut	N 45381	PALLIER N W T	"	YES	
Lieut	NX115836	NOLAN T	"	NO	(AOD BAGGAGE PARTY)

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
CHAP	VX133078	FINLAY J A	AACHD	11.2.43	Chaplain
CAPT	VX 40762	McKENZIE I S	2/24 Bn	20.4.43	Temporary

2/14 AUST INF BN
(Unit)

15 MAY 43
(Date of Despatch)

Lt-Col
(Signature of Commander)

21 AUST INF BDE
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/14 Aust Inf Bn ..... (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached)	Surplus to Establishment	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment.)
*			
WE *			
Lieut.-Colonels 1	1	-	-
Majors 3	-		3
Captains 8	5		3
Lieutenants 19	17		2
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters 1			1 (Capt)
Totals 32	23	-	9

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	CRAIGIE I.C.	2/14 Bn	15/5/43	Ceased to be seconded
A/Lieut	WATSON R.B.	"	1/5/43	Appointed A/Lieut

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank	Name	Corps	Date	Cause
Lieut	LAIRD W.B.	2/14 Bn	16/5/43	Trfd to X List - Evac to hosp from school.
Lieut	SHEDMAN A.W.	"	15/5/43	Evac to hospital
Capt	HAMILTON I.W.	"	10/5/43	Home Leave

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank	Name and Initials	Corps	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers Posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed
Lt-col	VX138	CEALLIE H.R.	2/14 Bn	Yes	
Capt	VX14632	LANDALE R.O.	"	Yes	
Capt	VX14635	HIGGELL E.R.	"	Yes	
Capt	VX14697	O'DAY G.O.	"	Yes	
Capt	VX14030	CLINTON-HERSEE F.A.	"	Yes	
T/Capt	VX20056	CAIRNS H.	"	Yes	
T/Capt	VX58979	McGLINCHEY T.J.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX14008	EVATT K.A.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX14657	PARKER J.C.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX17005	LAIRD E.B.	"	No	School
Lieut	VX20012	SPENCER A.W.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX30847	CRUTWOOD J.E.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX16708	LEVETT P.H.L.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX50640	HOWARD L.W.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX30830	CLARKE E.B.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX15009	SCHMIED L.C.L.	"	No	School
Lieut	VX15974	HOPE N.L.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX17084	THOMSON R.W.	"	No	Det 2/14 Bn
A/Lieut	VX16167	YATES H.H.	"	Yes	
A/Lieut	VX15999	SARGENT A.L.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX14609	DRAPER R.H.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX10752	DAVIES H.M.	"	No	School
Lieut	VX4532	PHILPOTT H.W.E.	"	Yes	
Lieut	VX15636	NOLAN E.	"	No	(AD Baggage Party)

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank and higher temporary rank, if held	Personal Number	Name and Initials	Corps	Date of attachment	Nature of attachment
Chap	VX133078	FINLAY J.A.	A Ch D	11.2.43	Chaplain.
Capt	VX40702	McKENZIE I.S.	2/14 Bn	20.4.43	Temporary

2/14 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit)

Lt-Col. (Signature of Commander)

8 May 43 (Date of Despatch)

2/4 Aust Inf Bde (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 29 May 43.19 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

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Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	WE	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-	1
W.Os. Class II.	7	7	-	
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	4	-	1
Staff Serjeants	-	1	1	-
Serjeants	32	27	-	5
Corporals	67	73	6 ø	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	633	412	1	222
TOTALS	745	524	* 8	* 229

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

ø Includes Cpl TAILOR - Promoted under Old WE, not allowed under NEW W.E.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail. WE	Unit and Corps to which they belong. UNDER WE	Detail. NOT UNDER WE	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
AAMC (2 Sjts	1		
AAMC (1 Cpl	-		
AAMC (1 Orderly	-	AEME - Fitter MT	- 1 (Cpl)
AEME (Blacksmith	1	Mech MT	- 3
AEME (Armourer Sjt	-		
AEME (Fitter, Gun	1		
AAOC - Shoemaker Cpl	1 (Pte)		
AAPC (1 Sjt	1 (Cpl)		
AAPC (1 Cpl	1		
AA Post C - 1 Sjt	1		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX22826	Sjt	LUCAS W.A.	2/14 Bn	21 Aust Inf Tng Bn.
VX15269	Sjt	THOMPSON R.V.	"	do
VX15282	Sjt	ARNOLD J.L.	"	do

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2/14 Aust Inf Bn. *Unit.*

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		3
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		2	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		10
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			~~Wheelers~~ S/Sjt (Records)		1
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters	1		Bandsmen		6
						Col 1		2
						Col 2	1	-
						WO I		1
						WQMSs		1
						Sjts		5
						Cpls	6	-
						Gen Duties		201
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)							8	229

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 29 May 43.

Lt-col.
Signature of Commander.

21 Aust Inf Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 22 May 19 43 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail. WE	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I. 1	-	-	1
W.Os. Class II. 7	6	-	1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 5	4	-	1
Staff Serjeants -	1	1	-
Serjeants 32	28	-	4
Corporals 67	70	3 ∮	-
Troopers, Privates, &c. 633	411	2 Dvr MT	224
TOTALS 765	520	* 6	* 231

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

∮ Includes Cpl TAILOR - Promoted under old WE, not allowed under NEW W.E.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail. WE	Unit and Corps to which they belong. UNDER WE	Detail. NOT UNDER WE	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
AAMC{2 Sjts	1		
{2 Orderlies	-		
AEME{Blacksmith	1	AEME - Fitter MT - 1	
{Armourer Sjt	-		
{Fitter, Gun	1	Mech MT - 3	
AAOC - Shoemaker Cpl	1 (Pte)		
AAPC{1 Sjt	-		
{1 Cpl	1		
AA Pos t C - 1 Sjt	1		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX23806	Sjt	LUCAS W.A.	2/14 Bn	2 Aust Inf Trg Bn
VX15800	Sjt	THOMPSON E.K.	"	do
VX15203	Sjt	ARNOLD J.L.	"	do

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		3
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		2	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		15
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics	2		Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators			Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers s/Sjt(Records)1		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Bandmen		6
						Col 1	2	2
						Col 2		-
						WO I		1
						WO II		1
						CQMS		1
						Sjts		4
						Cpls	3	
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	2	2				Gen Duties	198	
							6 201	

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn ..... *Unit.*

Alderaccen Lt-col. ..... *Signature of Commander.*

Date of Despatch 22 May 43.

21 Aust Inf Bde *Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.*

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 15 May 1943 (Date).

Unit 32 - 745
Att 1 - 9
33 - 754

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	WE	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-	1
W.Os. Class II.	7	3	-	4
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	5	4	-	1
Staff Serjeants	-	1	1	-
Serjeants	32	27	-	5
Corporals	67	50	1 ø	18
Troopers, Privates, &c.	633	377	2 Dvr MT	258
TOTALS	745	462	* 4	* 287

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

ø Cpl Tailor - Promoted under Old W E, not allowed for under NEW W.E.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail. WE	UNDER WE	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail. NOT UNDER WE	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
AAMC (2 Sjts	1			
(2 Orderlies	1			
AEME - (Blacksmith	1		AEME - Fitter MT - 1 Cpl	
(Armourer Sjt	1		Fitter MT - 2	
(Fitter, Gun	1		Mech. MT - 3	
AAOC - Shoemaker Cpl	-			
AAPC (1 Sjt	-			
(1 Cpl	1			
AA Post C - 1 Sjt	1			

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX 22826	Sjt	LUCAS W.A.	2/14 Bn	21 Aust Inf Tng Bn
VX 15269	Sjt	THOMPSON R.V.	"	do
VX 15282	Sjt	ARNOLD J.L.	"	do

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		3
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		2	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		19
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators	2		Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			~~Wheelers~~ S/Sjt(Records)	1	
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters			Bandsmen		6
						Col 1	2	2
						Col 2		-
						WO I		1
						WO II		4
						CQMS		1
						Sjts		5
						Cpls	1	18
						Gen Duties		228
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	2	2		-	-		4	287

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn
Unit.

Date of Despatch 15 May 43

Lt-col.
Signature of Commander.

21 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Unit 32 - 745
Att 1 - 9
33 - 754

2/14 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 6 May 1943 (Date).

To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2		3		4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).		Surplus to Establishment.		Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
	WITH UNIT	CARE OF H.Q.	WITH UNIT	CARE OF L.O.	
W.Os. Class I.	-				1
W.Os. Class II.	3				4
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants	4				1
Staff Serjeants	1		1		-
Serjeants	34	3	2	3	-
Corporals	63	7		7	4
Troopers, Privates, &c.	432	27	3 Dvr	27	204
TOTALS	537	37	6	37	214

*These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
WITH UNIT		NOT WITH UNIT	
AAMC (2 Sjts	-		
AAMC (2 Orderlies	1		
AEME - (Blacksmith Sjt	1	AEME - Fitter MT - 1 cpl	
(Fitter, Cpl	1	Fitter MT - 2	
AAOC - Storeman Cpl	-	Mech. MT - 3	
AAPC (1 Sjt	-		
(1 Cpl	1		
AA Post C - 1 Sjt	1		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX22536	Sjt	LUCAS R.A.	2/14 Bn	2 Aust Inf Trg Bn
VX15869	Sjt	THOMPSON R.V.	"	do
VX15832	Sjt	ARNOLD J.L.	"	do

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		
Carpenter and Joiner			Hammermen			Riggers		3
Clerks		2	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties			Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		10
Cooks			Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationary Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators	3		Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths	2	
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
			(Cart Op MI)			Bandsmen		6
			(Dvr Mech Op III	11		Col 1	3	2
			(Cooks Op II	1		Col 2		-
			(Gen Duties)	16		HQ I		1
				28		HQ II		4
						Cpls		1
						Sjts	3 2	
						Cpls	7	4
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	3	2			-	Gen Duties	27	174
							37 6	234

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorised Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/24 Aust Inf Bn — *Unit.*

Signature of Commander. Lt-Col.

Date of Despatch 8 May 43.

2 Aust Inf Bde. — *Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.*

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1023973

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit) 1 May 1943 (Date).

Unit 32 - 745
Att 1 - 9
33 - 754

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2		3		4
Detail.	Posted Strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).		Surplus to Establishment.		Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishments).
WE	WITH UNIT	CARR GP N.G.	WITH UNIT	CARR GP N.G.	
W.Os. Class I. 1	-				1
W.Os. Class II. 7	3				4
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants 5	4				1
Staff Serjeants -	1		1		
Serjeants 32	30	3		3	2
Corporals 67	63	7		7	4
Troopers, Privates, &c. 633	428	27	4 Dvr MT	27	209
745 TOTALS	529	37	5	37	* 221

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
UNDER WE		NOT UNDER WE	
WE	WITH UNIT	WITH UNIT	
AAMC (2 Sjts 2 Orderlies)	- 1	AEME - Fitter MT	- 1 (Cpl)
AEME - Armourer Sjt	1	Fitter MT	- 2
AAOC - Shoemaker Cpl	-		
AAPC (1 Sjt	-		
(1 Cpl	1		
AA Post C - 1 Sjt	1		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts if known).
VX22826	Sjt	LUCAS W.A.	2/14 Bn	21 Aust Inf Tng Bn.
VX15269	"	THOMPSON R.V.	"	do
VX15282	"	ARNOLD J.L.	"	do

NOTE- Ø personnel on X list are expected back at unit within a few days, who will fill these vacancies.

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PART D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)	Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc.	Surplus (a)	Reinfts. Required (a)
Ammunition Examiners			Fire Control Operators			Panel Beaters		
Armament Artificers			Fitters			Pattern Makers		
Armourers			Fitters and Turners			Pharmacists		
Artificers, Artillery			Fitters, Cycle			Photographers, dry plate		
Axemen			Fitters, Drivers			Photographers, wet plate		
Bakers			Fitter's Mates			Photo-Writers		
Battery Surveyors			Fitters, M.V.			Plate Layers		
Battery Comdrs. Asst.			Fitters, Railway Signal			Plumbers		
Blacksmiths			Fitters, Signal			Predictor Numbers		
Boilermakers			Grinders			Printers		
Bricklayers			Gun Layers			Radiator Mechanics		
Butchers			G.P.O. Assistants			Radiographers		
Camouflage Modeller			Gun Operators			Range Takers		4
Carpenter and Joiner		2	Hammermen			Riggers		
Clerks		2	Height Takers			Rivetters		
Clerks, Engineering			Helio Operators			Saddlers		
Clerks, Supply			Instrument Mechanics			Saddle Tree Makers		
Clerks, Technical			Instrument Mechanics, Surgical			Saw Doctors		
Coachmakers			Instrument Operators			Sawyers		
Computers			Intelligence Duties		2	Shoemakers		
Concretors			Joiners			Signallers		10
Cooks		2	Leather Stitchers			Signwriters		
Cooks, Hospital			Linesmen			Stokers, Stationery Engine		
Coppersmiths			Linesmen, Signals			Storemen, Technical		
Dental Clerk Orderlies			Lithographers			Surveyors		
Despatch Riders			Machinists			Surveyors, Engineering		
Dispensers			Masons			Tailors		
Draughtsmen			Masseurs			Telescope Identification Numbers		
Draughtsmen, Architectural			Mechanics, Dental			Textile Refitters		
Draughtsmen, Mechanical			Mechanics, M.T.			Tinsmiths		
Draughtsmen, Signal			Mechanics, Typewriter			Toolmakers		
Draughtsmen, Topographical			Mechanics, Wireless			Turners		
Driver Mechanics			Millwrights			Vulcanizers		
Driver Operators	6		Miners			Wagon Erectors		
Drivers, Transportation Plant			Moulders			Watchmakers		
Electrical Fitters			Nursing Orderlies			Watermen		
Electricians			Nursing Orderlies (Mental)			Welders		
Electricians, Eng. Units			Nurses, Trained			Well Borers		
Electricians, Signal			Observation Post Assistants			Wheelers		
Engine Artificers			Operating Room Assistants			Whitesmiths		
Engine Hands I/C			Operators, Signal			Wiremen		
Equipment Repairers			Opticians			Woodturners		
Farriers			Painters					
			(Carr Op MG)			Battalion		
			(Dvr Mech Op III 1t			Col 1	4	6
			(Cooks Op LL	1		Col 2		2
			(Gen Duties	15		WO I		1
				27		WO II		4
						CQMS		1
						Sjts	3	3
						Cpls	7	4
Totals (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	4	6			2	Gen Duties	27	172
						TOTAL	37	6 201

Notes—(a) If rank other than Private is involved give details on back.
(b) Authorized Trades or Specialists not included in list above will be added as required in spaces provided.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn ..... *Unit.*

Date of Despatch 1 May 43.

W. G. Galleen Lt-Col. ..... *Signature of Commander.*

..... *Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.*

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