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NOT FOR SALE

## EIGHTH ARMY CUTS OFF AXIS REARGUARD

### AFRIKA KORPS SEVERED

**B**Y moving a force 100 miles in an out-flanking movement, the British Eighth Army has cut Rommel's famous Afrika Korps at a point midway between El Agheila and Nofilia.

The point is where Wadi Rigel cuts the main coast road at St. Matratin; and a subsidiary road 10 miles to the south.

The British Army is astride both roads, and Axis forces are trying desperately to fight their way clear. British troops are receiving supplies by air.

**T**RAPPED units include the remains of the 15th Panzer Division and all their supporting artillery. They are pinned down on a 20-mile strip of exposed road, and are being blasted hourly.

Following the consistent and heavy bombing of two aerodromes, Axis troops are almost without air cover.

Allied planes are able to strafe and bomb them incessantly.

Cairo reports tstate that 70 giant British planes have landed supplies at a forward area.

### Big Raid On Tunis

Tunis was rendered practically useless as a port in an eight and a half hours raid by Allied aircraft on Tuesday night, according to the Cairo correspondent of the Daily Mail.

Flight after flight of planes rained high explosive bombs on the canal through which all shipping must pass to the quays. Huge fires lit the sky as fuel depots, military barracks, railway yards and harbor installations were blasted.

Despite the length and scale of the attack, all the Allied bombers returned.

### GERMANS USING NEW STUKA

**T**HE Germans are using a new version of the Stuka dive-bomber in Africa.

The London "Times" aviation correspondent says that the new plane—Junkers 87D—has shaplier lines, a smoother nose, and its fuselage is more streamlined.

Unless a better engine has been installed and more defensive armament provided—of which there is no evidence—the recent modification will have little effect on the plane's performance.

### Moresby Raid 94

**E**nemy bombers raided Port Moresby area for the 94th time on Thursday night. They caused no damage.

### HITLER CHANGES WAR MACHINE

**H**ITLER has handed control of the German war machine to a group of 42 Nazi party chiefs, a decree broadcast from Berlin reveals.

Gauleiters have been acting as Reich defence commissioners for a fortnight. Under a decree by Marshal Goering, every Nazi Party district becomes a Reich defence area and every German gauleiter a defence commissioner.

The gauleiters will preside over regional commissions supervising civilian defence, factory production, labor distribution, and kindred matters over which the Army or members of the Ministry formerly presided.

It is regarded as significant that Hitler's deputy, Martin Bormann (who succeeded Hess), presided at the inaugural meeting of the commissioners, and that Field-Marshal Keitel attended, ensuring the army's agreement.

### Germans Claim 1000 U-Boats

The German controlled Scandinavian New Agency quotes authoritative quarters in Berlin as claiming that 1000 U-boats are now operating.

### Little Change At Buna

**P**OSITIONS in the Buna area have undergone little change in the last 24 hours.

The communique issued from General MacArthur's Headquarters late last night reported heavy fighting on our Force's right.

Enemy bombers had raided our rear areas without effect. Our Air Force is acting in support of our ground troops.

The communique also reported that our medium bombers had attacked enemy installations in the towns of Maobisse and Mindelo in Timor.

### Opposes National Parliament

**A** National Parliament in Australia would be a national tragedy, according to the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin), in a statement he made at Canberra yesterday.

He said such a Parliament would spend valuable time in disputation, and would be utterly unable to reach decisions on major questions.

"The maximum agreement that can be achieved in a Parliament composed of representatives of all parties, is now being achieved by the War Council," Mr. Curtin added.

### GREEK GUERILLAS DESTROY VITAL BRIDGE

**G**REEK guerillas, by a ruse, have destroyed the vital Gorgopotamos bridge, 50 miles from Larissa.

**T**HE guerillas battled against guards at the bridge for four hours, enabling their comrades to destroy the bridge without interruption.

The bridge is 180 ft. high and 500 ft. long, and carries a railway over Hellada River to Athens.

The guerillas have thus cut the only railway route for Axis transport, troops and supplies through Greece to Crete, Southern Italy, Sicily and North Africa.

The Axis can now use only the Larissa-Lamai road, which is indifferent in the most favorable seasons, but is really bad in winter.

The road forks south from Lamia, one branch running south to the

### WAR SUMMARY

**NEW GUINEA:**—Little change in general position at Buna. Heavy fighting continues.

**TUNISIA:**—Increased patrol activity on Tunis-Bizerta front. Tunis heavily bombed for eight and half hours.

**LIBYA:**—Eighth Army severs Afrika Korps 60 miles west of El Agheila.

**RUSSIA:**—German counter-attacks repulsed with heavy losses. On the Central front both armies hampered by deep snow.

### MILITIA PLAN

### W.A. VOTES "YES"

**T**HE W.A. Executive of the Australian Labor Party has joined New South Wales, Tasmania and South Australia in supporting the proposal by the Prime Minister to extend the area in which Militia may be used in the S.W. Pacific area. Victoria and Queensland opposed the proposal.

Mr. McNamara, Federal secretary of the A.L.P., said yesterday it was definite that the interstate conference of the A.L.P. to vote as a whole on the proposal would meet in Melbourne on January 4, 1943.

spurs of Parnassus to the Gulf of Cornith. The other runs east and south-east to Athens.

Blamed for sheltering the guerillas at Lamia, 300 Greek civilians have been shot by the Germans.

### French Guerillas

Guerilla warfare is reported to have broken out in France, as a result of the German occupation of the whole of France.

According to an escapee from Marseilles, who was interviewed by the Stockholm Tidningen, French soldiers who refused to be demobilised are resisting the Germans in mountains and woods. Railway lines near Paris, Marseilles, and elsewhere have been blown up at various points.

# Australian Highlights and Brevities

## VICTORIA

**WOMEN** are now engaged as breadcarters, tram conductresses and railway ticket-checkers, as well as by the thousands in munitions. A new avenue for them was indicated yesterday when the Metropolitan Gas Company and State Electricity Commission applied to the Women's Employment Board in Melbourne for permission to employ women as meter readers. No decision has yet been given.

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**BEGINNING** in the New Year, Melbourne suburban railway monthly tickets will be different in design to assist checkers in determining whether they are being used by the right sex. Tickets for male passengers will differ from those for females. New tickets will also be thinner to prevent ticket splitting by dishonest persons. Commissioners say this practice has been far too prevalent.

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**KNIVES** for butchery graduates, and cookery books for those who made good in the kitchen, were given out as prizes to successful students at the William Angliss Food Trades School, Melbourne, yesterday. The apprentices, who work with tradesmen, attend classes at night. Chief activity of the school is the training of R.A.A.F. and W.A.A.A.F. personnel.

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**CHEQUES** for £6000 for the Red Cross and £4000 for the A.C.F. were handed to Melbourne's Lord Mayor yesterday from the Victorian States Schools War Relief Fund which has collected £176,000 since war began.

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**MR. H. W. RADFORD**, head teacher of St. Kilda Park State school, has retired after nearly 50 years with the Education Department. He had been head teacher at many schools in Victoria.

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**MR. and Mrs. Arginee Pappas**, who have already subscribed £1000 to the Lord Mayor's War Loan Appeal, have advised the Lord Mayor that they had decided to give the whole of the proceeds of the opening day of their new cafe, Liberty Bell, to the joint appeal for the Partially Blinded Soldiers' Association and the Traveller Aid Society.

## Like Father, Like Son

**A**T a Service Flying Training School in Victoria yesterday a father pinned wings on the breast of his son.

The father was Group-Captain Brown, C.O. of the Station, who received the Air Force Cross as a fighter pilot in the last war, and the son was L.A.C. Charles D. S. Brown, 21, who is training to be a fighter pilot in this war. The ceremony is believed to be unique in the Southern Hemisphere.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

**A**T Broken Hill the rush to book seats in trains leaving for Sydney and Adelaide within the next week has intensified to the extent of queues waiting many hours at the booking office. Members of one family waited in relays for 24 hours when the father arrived at 9 a.m. to purchase tickets. Youths were employed by others to keep places for them in the line. A section of the crowd one night played cards under an acetylene lamp.

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**CONSOLIDATED** profit of Henry Jones Co-operative Ltd. and subsidiaries for the year ended October 31 was £272,796, of which £200,764 was earned in Australia and £72,032 abroad.

Profit for the previous year was £249,354, of which £155,530 was earned in Australia and £83,824 abroad. Steady 10 p.c. dividend absorbs £147,817.

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**BECAUSE** of shortage of labor in country districts, rabbits are increasing at a great rate. Moulamein Pastures Protection Board has decided to ask the Army Minister to consider releasing about a dozen soldiers for rabbit destruction in that area.

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**SIXTY-ONE** pieces of jewellery realised £9617 in a Sydney auction room yesterday. A bracelet brought £1200, a diamond tiara £300, and a diamond brooch £700.

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**WHEN** a tricycle they were riding collided with an engine on the old June line, Robert Charnley, 59, and Leslie Unwin, 38, both fettlers, were killed.

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## TASMANIA

**RAIDS** by thieves on hotels in the New Norfolk district have resulted in large quantities of bottled liquor being stolen. Bottles of beer, whisky and gin were taken from Rosegarland Hotel, Rosegarland on Saturday night. An unsuccessful attempt was made to force a lock on a liquor store at the Star and Garter Hotel, New Norfolk.

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**MR. VICTOR TOBIAS MANKEY**, for the past six months manager of the Hobart branch of the Commonwealth Bank, died in Melbourne recently.

During his term in Hobart Mr. Mankey worked unsparingly in war work. He was a member of the military service committee of the Y.M.C.A. and the R.A.A.F. Entertainment Committee, and was a supporter of the work of the Church Hut at Hobart. He was also a member of the camouflage netting group.

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**I**N all States, except Tasmania and Western Australia, substantial majorities told Gallup Poll interviewers that they favored abolition of State Governments. In every State, however, most people were against centralisation of all powers in Canberra.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**M**UNITIONS production in W.A. has absorbed £8,500,000, and plants are still being extended. Many small shops, particularly those in country areas, are doing a remarkably fine job in making essential equipment. Arrangements have been completed for spending £250,000 on building wooden ships.

## After King Solomon's Belt?

**BILLY MANVILLE**, holder of the divorce record, has parted from his sixth wife after two months of marriage "because she dawdled over a restaurant menu," says a message from California.

Manville ordered the chauffeur to take his 20-year-old blonde wife anywhere she desired. She left weeping, carrying five fur coats plus the name of Manville's attorney. She declared that Manville "picked on her" after ordering lobster thermidor the previous night.

**"T**HE Government is satisfied that the only way to abolish starting-price betting on horse-racing is to abolish horse-racing throughout Australia. This opinion is borne out by the experience gained on the first Saturday in each month when no horse-racing takes place, and, consequently, no betting," said the Minister for the North-West (Mr. Coverley) on behalf of the Minister for Police, in the W.A. Legislative Assembly.

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**I**N W.A., 534 school teachers have joined the fighting services since the beginning of the war. Of these, 19 have been discharged and have resumed teaching under the Education Department. At present 28 males and 338 females are employed as teachers "on supply."

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**MR. DAVID E. GRANT**, of Moonyoonooka, W.A., a well-known pastoralist, died at Geraldton, aged 63. For many years he was a prominent figure in racing circles, in which he was associated with Mr. E. Lee Steere, and they raced many well-known horses both in Western Australia and in the eastern States. Prominent among these horses were Misticio and Yandil.

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Cr. J. Totterdell has been appointed chairman of the City of Perth's town planning advisory committee.

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**A**FTER fighting a bushfire which threatened his property at Albany Road, Maddington, about 5 p.m. on Saturday, Henry A. Wittmer, 58, collapsed and died shortly after returning to his home.

## QUEENSLAND

**A**LDERMAN E. DOWNEY, chairman of the works committee of the Brisbane City Council, and representative of the Fortitude Valley Ward, died in hospital a few days ago. He had been ill since December 1.

Born in Newcastle on Tyne, England, he went to Brisbane in 1884 and attended the Valley State School. During the last 32 years he had been in business in the Valley. He had a long career in municipal government. He was an alderman of the Windsor Town Council before the creation of the Greater Brisbane. He was one of the founders of the Citizens' Municipal Organisation.

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**SERGEANT E. PILKINGTON**, who for the past four and a half years has examined the witnesses in the Coroner's Court, Brisbane, has been notified of his promotion to the rank of senior sergeant, and also of an impending transfer to Ipswich.

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**T**HE Queensland Minister for Education (Mr. Jones) said yesterday, that he was appalled at the number of children who were leaving school before finishing their junior training. Short-sighted parents were sending their children out to work before their education was completed, because manpower shortage made it possible for children of 15 to get jobs at £4 and £5 a week.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**D**URING a visit to Adelaide, the Minister for the Navy and Munitions (Mr. Makin) forecast that by next May, Australian war production would reach the full, planned capacity. He said the value of orders so far received by the Munitions Department totalled £200,000,000. Six country munition centres would come into production in the first half of next year.

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**MORE** than £2000 was raised at the Cheer-up Society's carnival at Elder Park, South Australia. The objective was only £1000.

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**G**IRL Guides at the Thrift Depot have presented a fully-equipped and specially-made ambulance to the South Australia Command of the R.A.N.

## Youthful Thieves "Lived Like Lords"

**A**CCORDING to Sydney detectives, eight youths lived "like lords" on a soldier's savings.

The soldier, now in the Middle East, had sent his mother £175 to deposit in a bank. The boys broke into her home in Arncliffe, and stole the lot, squandering the money on taxi rides, expensive meals, and other luxuries.

Five of the boys have been arrested. One was carrying a revolver.

# Freckles Favored For Villiers At Randwick Today

## SIR ROMEO IN EPSOM CUP

**FRECKLES**, who will be ridden by Darby Munro, is favorite for the Villiers Stakes, to be run at Randwick today. Nightbeam is equal second favorite.

For the Epsom Cup, to be decided at Mentone (Vic.), Sir Romeo is most fancied.

**MOST** shrewd judges expect Freckles to win the Villiers fairly comfortably. They believe him to be the outstanding miler racing at present.

Queenslanders, however, are very hopeful that the three-year-old Grand Prodigie will defeat Freckles. Grand Prodigie finished very fast to be only a neck behind Martheus over seven furlongs at Roschill last Saturday, and it is considered that the race will have improved him.

Others spoken of as possibilities include Nightbeam, winner of Carlingford Mile at Rosehill on Saturday. Nightbeam was having his first start for some time, and finished brilliantly. He will be ridden to-day by R. Parsons.

Arahura is also well fancied, being equal second favorite with Nightbeam.

Arahura has proved himself a good miler.

### THE WEIGHTS

Rimveil 9.9, Mildura 9.4, Evergreen 9.1, Dewar, Kingsdale, Freckles, 8.10, Winnipeg 8.7, Veiled Threat 8.7, The Miller, Merrimba, 8.3, Grand Fils, Arahura 8.1, Soho 8.0, Gundagai 7.13, Tel Asur, Abspear, Prince 7.12, Riverton, Nightbeam 7.10, Grand Prodigie 7.9, Warbird 7.8, Rathlin, Hydra 7.7, Guild Hall, 7.5, My Friend 7.4, Martheus, Romero, John Halifax 7.3, Whisper Low, Rylstone 7.2, Glendower, Takarangi 6.13, Kimbell 6.12, Air Link, Don Byrne 6.10, Wellesley 6.9, Ron Rico, Easter Time, Tyrannus, Valoroi 6.7.

Order of favoritism is: Freckles; Arahura, Nightbeam; Evergreen; Grand Prodigie, Riverton; Merrimba; Prince; Hydra; Mildura Grand Fils; Romero; John Halifax, Soho, The Miller, Takarangi, Rathlin.

### EPSOM CUP

Early in the week Mac Rob was equal favorite with Sir Romeo for the Epsom Cup, but there are doubts about him running. He was sold a few days ago, and his new owner said he may reserve the horse for the Bagot Handicap to be run at Flemington on Boxing Day.

One of Sir Romeo's dangerous rivals to-day is expected to be Chamberlain, a useful stayer who showed a return to form by filling a place at a recent Melbourne meeting.

### Baer Brothers In Army

**BOXER** Max Baer and his brother Buddy have joined the U.S. Army as privates.

After a training course they will become physical instructors to ground crews of the Air Force.

## Control Change For Trots

**TROT**TING in the Sydney metropolitan area is to be placed on a non-proprietary basis, as well as horse racing.

Legislation to bring this about will be introduced in State Parliament next week.

There are two trotting clubs in the metropolitan area—New South Wales Trotting Club (non-proprietary) and Australian Trotting Club (proprietary).

The Government will put the Australian Trotting Club under non-proprietary control as it plans to do with the six horse racing clubs.

The Chief Secretary (Mr. Baddeley) will introduce the legislation.

The bill, after the first reading, will remain on the table of Parliament for perusal by members until the House reassembles in 1943.

### Cricket Club President

**MR. J. S. MacDERMOTT**, vice-president of Richmond (Vic.) Cricket Club for over 15 years, was unanimously elected president at the club's committee meeting this week, in succession to the late Mr. G. E. Langford. Before his appointment as vice-president, Mr. MacDermott was honorary treasurer for a long period.

## FAMILY'S LOVE AFFAIRS END IN DIVORCE

**FOUR** people, all members of the same family, had the tangled skeins of their matrimonial lives unravelled by Mr. Justice Edwards in the Sydney Divorce Court recently.

**NAMING** his own brother as co-respondent, Stanley Charles White, A.I.F., divorced his wife, Irene, on the grounds of her desertion and adultery with Arthur William White.

His sister-in-law, Edith Isabelle White, of Sandringham, then obtained a decree nisi against Arthur William White on the ground of his desertion. She said she knew he had committed adultery with her brother-in-law's wife, but was unable to prove it.

Arthur William White cross-petitioned for a divorce from his wife, alleging that she had committed adultery with her employer, James McAuliffe, himself divorced, who had

## Mac Rob May Break Holt's Luck

**JACK** Holt, for many years Victoria's leading trainer, winning scores of thousands for his patrons, has not won a race for 12 months. A few weeks ago it seemed that Distinction was certain to break Holt's run of bad luck, but though the gelding started favorite for more than one race, he could not win.

After Mac Rob had finished fourth in the Ascot Cup last Saturday, Holt sold him to a friend, but he will continue to train the gelding. Mac Rob is favorite for the Bagot Handicap to be run at Flemington on Boxing Day.

## Few Favorites Win

**THE** turf writer of the "Sydney Morning Herald" says that the investment of £1 straight out on every outright favorite since the beginning of the season would have resulted in a loss of £21. He points out that with racing restricted to Saturdays, and one raceless Saturday every month, backers of favorites are finding it difficult to show a profit.

### BARGAIN FILLY

**JENFELT**, a recent winner in Brisbane, cost only 75 guineas as a yearling. She promises to prove a splendid bargain, as the race she won at Albion Park was worth £140. As she was well backed, the chances are much more was won from the bookmakers.

### Case Against Dedman Dismissed

**PERTH** Supreme Court has dismissed the case in which Carlyle Ferguson proceeded against the Minister for War Organisation of Industry (Mr. Dedman) by summons, with the object of having the statutory rule and rationing order declared invalid. The application, which dealt with restrictions on advertising Christmas goods, was held to have been directed against the wrong party.

## Has Team Worth Thousands

**PROBABLY** the costliest team of thoroughbreds in training in Melbourne at present is that being prepared by R. J. Shaw at Flemington.

It includes Amana, bought at auction six weeks ago for 2100 guineas, and Millais, who was bought three weeks ago for 1400 guineas, and he will probably take charge shortly of the three-year-old Amazed, for whom an offer of several thousands was made before the Melbourne cup.

Amana, at his first start for his new owner, was easily beaten over a mile at Flemington, but he won a six furlong race in easy style at Mentone on Saturday, and is now spoken of as a decided possibility in the Standish Handicap at Flemington on Boxing Day.

Millais is also engaged in the Standish, but possibly will be set for something easier.

## FLASHES FROM AMERICA

**FIRST** United States Naval officer ever cited by the King is Lt. Wiley Howell, a former pilot of a Wellington bomber squadron of the R.A.F. Coastal Command. Lt. Howell, who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross recently, was invested by His Majesty at Buckingham Palace.

**HARRISON SPANGLER**, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been elected national chairman of the Republican Party after a bitter fight at St. Louis. Spangler represents the Herbert Hoover element, and was opposed by those favoring the leadership of Wendell Wilkie.

**THE** Washington Redskins after losing two straight years to the Chicago Bears (in 1940 by the score 84 to 0), turned the tables this year, and defeated the Chicago team.

**LEON HENDERSON** has resigned as Chief of the Office of Prices Administration, it was announced in Washington yesterday. Rumors suggest the appointment of former Senator Prentiss Brown, of Michigan, to succeed him. Brown was defeated for re-election as Democratic Senator from Michigan last November 3.

After Reading "Guinea Gold" Pass It On

# GERMAN FORCES LOSE 1200 IN UNAVAILING COUNTER-MOVE

**R**USSIAN troops are continuing to advance South-West of Stalingrad, where they have had considerable success in encompassing and destroying large numbers of the enemy and their equipment.

The Germans are counter-attacking strongly, in an endeavor to prevent the Russians from squeezing out the Axis wedge, but their unsuccessful efforts have cost 1200 troops.

THE belief is general that efforts will be made from outside to relieve the Germans.

Yesterday's Moscow communique referred to the destruction of seven enemy transport planes by the Soviet Air Force.

On the Central front the advent of winter has increased the difficulties of both armies, which are now fighting in snow, feet deep.

Soviet troops have smashed one strongly-held Axis post west of Rjev.

## AXIS CLAIM DENIED

The Soviet Information Bureau has officially denied a German claim to have wiped out Russian forces at Toropets on the Central front. It states "Toropets was taken some time ago. It is now well in the rear of the Soviet forces, and the only Germans there are prisoners."

Verified data show that the number of guns captured at a point west of Thubin totalled 580, and not 305 as stated in Wednesday's communique. The Russians south-west of Thubin wiped out 1235 Germans and captured 16 tanks.

## N.G. GOLD COMPANY LOSES £3,342

A loss of £3342 was incurred by Enterprise of New Guinea Gold and Petroleum Development NL for the year to August 31 against a loss of £7304 in the year before. Because of enemy action, operations at Edie mine ceased in January.

## 18 Months Gaol For Doctor Who Aided Draft-Dodgers

**D**R. LOYAL ALAN DOWNES, 41, of Northcote; Leslie Thomas Day, 31, of Collingwood, driver, and Walter Neums, 51, of Collingwood, barman were each sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment by Mr. Justice Gavan Duffy in Melbourne Criminal Court yesterday on two counts of conspiracy.

## TWELVE ZEROS DOWNED

**W**HEN a flight of Flying Fortresses was operating off New Georgia island on Wednesday, it was attacked by 12 Zeros. All the Zeros were shot down at a cost of one Fortress, the crew of which was rescued.

## COSTLY R.A.F. RAID ON GERMANY

**F**OLLOWING daylight raids over Holland and Belgium on Thursday, when great damage was done to docks, locomotive sheds and communications, the R.A.F. raided targets in Germany on Thursday night. Bremen was among the radio stations that went off the air.

From this operation 18 of our planes failed to return.

German bombers attacked several towns on the N.E. coast of England the same night. Bombs were dropped at several points. A lone bomber raided an inland town, its bombs hitting a hospital and school.

## Jap Cruiser Bombed

U.S. naval aircraft have bombed and damaged a cruiser or destroyer in the Munda area of New Georgia.

The Japanese, it has been learned, are trying to build a new aerodrome as a counter to that at Guadalcanal, where the Americans are still in firm possession.

## Navigation Lecture

Servicemen interested in lectures on navigation by the stars, are invited to get in touch with the Army Education Library, rear of Canteen, Moresby.

## Christmas Cheer For Soldiers

**E**VERYTHING possible was being done to make Xmas as bright as possible for the troops, said the Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) yesterday.

The recently created Army Amenities committee had gone to great pains to organise Xmas and New Year entertainments for soldiers. One unit would stage a rodeo.

Special arrangements are being made to give New Guinea troops the maximum entertainment possible according to circumstances.

## Oldest Male Skull Found In Java

A million-years-old skull of the first male human being of which records exist, has been discovered in Java, according to Dr. Koeninwald, of the Carnegie Institution. Two female skulls of the same age were discovered earlier.

## NEARING MISSING LINK

Dr. Koeninwald states that the Java finds are nearer to the missing link than the sensational fossils discovered in Africa in 1927.

## WAR ON V.D.: 230 CAUGHT IN SYDNEY DRAGNET

**I**N a round-up by the Sydney Health Authorities, 230 persons of both sexes have been detained for examination on suspicion that they are suffering from venereal disease.

## N.Z. Airmen in Solomons

**A** WASHINGTON message states that New Zealand airmen are at Guadalcanal.

They are flying Hudson bombers, and have taken part in many reconnaissance flights with units of the U.S. Army Air Force.

## LOST & FOUND

**LOST.**—Leather wallet, containing £4/10/-, paybook and unposted letters. Paybook has as identification SX 24085. Gnr. Brice, A. R. Finder please contact through "Guinea Gold."

**FOUND.**—Black leather wallet containing photographs and Army badge attached to outside. Owner may contact finder through "Guinea Gold."

**LOST.**—Five or six postcards and other photographs, possibly in envelope. Finder communicate Spr. Brown C. M. c/o "Guinea Gold."

**LOST.**—Paybook, bearing No. NX 38893 Spr. Longworth, W. H. Finder please return to "Guinea Gold."

**FOUND.**—American helmet near Ward's drome.

## "SOLDIERING ON" A FINE BOOK

**"S**OLDIERING ON," the Christmas book of the Australian Army, is a worthy successor to "Active Service," last year's Christmas book.

Just published, it contains more pictures, more contributed items and more art work than its predecessors, and is in every way a fine publication. The color work is especially good.

As an editorial note aptly points out, a virtue of the book is that it has been prepared in the face of difficulties, inseparable from war.

## Army Contributors

All the stories and other items in "Soldiering On" have been contributed by members of the Australian Army. They have been prepared in the field in brief hours off duty, often by the flickering light of a hurricane lamp in a blacked-out camp, sometimes within hearing of front-line guns.

Orders for the book already total 70,000. For the present, all copies produced are being reserved to meet orders from within the Army.

In later years the present-day soldier will have his memory pleasantly stirred by reference to "Soldiering On."

**R**EVEALING this, the Minister for Health (Mr. Kelly) said the action had been taken under the special powers granted by Federal regulations.

Among suspects detained were some country residents.

Value of the move was already apparent. Victims of V.D. had been found in most unexpected quarters.

## PARENTS SHOULD TELL

"The sooner parents awaken to the need for teaching their children the horror of venereal disease, the better for themselves and the nation," said Mr. Kelly.

"Girls of 13 and 14, even from the best of homes, have crept out at night, unknown to their parents, and been found by police in rooms in the city with men.

If they knew the risks they ran, these children would be more responsive to parental control. The more V.D. is talked about the more its menace can be minimised."

In Long Bay Gaol there are 60 women suffering from V.D., 16 of them are girls under 18 from Parramatta Industrial Home.

Revealing this, the Director of Social Hygiene (Dr. J. Cooper Booth) said that strenuous efforts were being made by the department to stamp out V.D.