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## WAVELL MARCHES INTO BURMA

### BRITISH ADVANCE AGAINST JAPS.

#### NO OPPOSITION MET

**GENERAL Wavell has begun his advance against the Japanese in Burma.**

**British troops stationed in India have marched into Western Burma and occupied a large area north-west of Akyab.**

Although the enemy had been in occupation since our withdrawal, and had prepared positions, there was no opposition to the British advance, the way for which had been prepared by a big air offensive over several days.

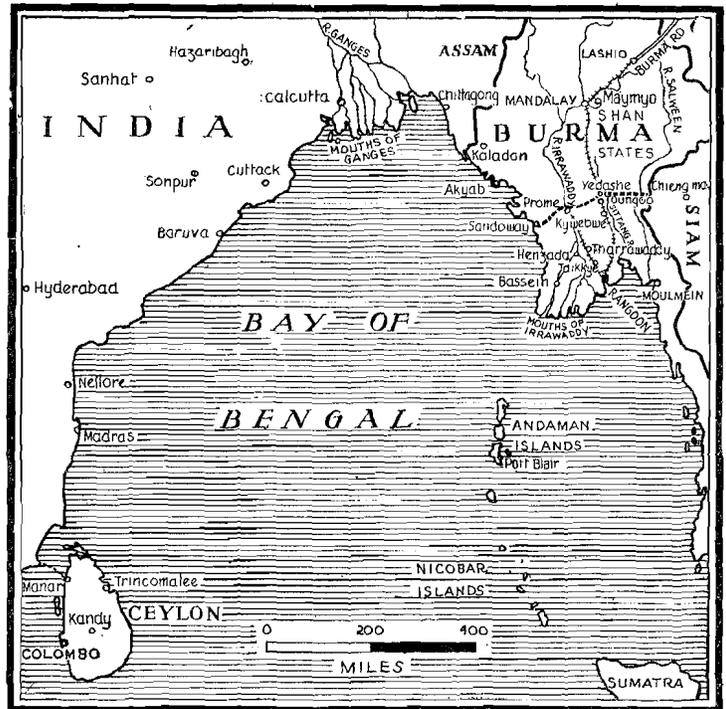
IN a communique announcing the advance, General Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in India said:—"During the past few days some of our troops have advanced over the border of Burma and occupied an area 50 miles north-west of Akyab. The enemy, who has been in occupation since our withdrawal in May, and had prepared defences, withdrew without offering opposition.

"For the second day in succession, the R.A.F. attacked Rathbaung, a coastal village between the Indo-Burmese border and Akyab. The raids were made by Blenheims. Buildings on the waterfront were attacked. Much damage was done and fires were left burning.

"On Friday night, Wellington air craft bombed Akyab. From these operations not one of our planes is missing. In raids on Thursday we lost four planes and the enemy three planes, but the crews of our machines are safe.

"Last month Akyab was bombed six times and Rangoon five times."

The re-capture of Burma has always been uppermost in Gen. Wavell's mind. At a press conference last September he said, "Ever since the loss of Burma I have been planning its recapture. Strategically, it is one of the most important places in the war against Japan. Its possession by us is essential to enable contact to be made with the Chinese forces."



Map Of Burma And India, showing the area in which General Wavell has begun his advance.

### WAR SUMMARY

**BURMA:**—British troops have crossed the border from India into Burma.

**LIBYA:**—Main Axis forces still retreating towards Tripolitania.

**TUNISIA:**—Air Force smashes Axis shipping.

**BUNA:**—Allied forces capture position in Buna area.

**RUSSIA:**—Soviet forces area advancing on all fronts. German tank attacks have been repulsed.

### DESTROYER LOST

The British Admiralty announces that the Penylan, a destroyer of the Hunt class (1190 tons), has been lost.

### Japs Occupy Hosueh

FURTHER details of the Japanese attack in the Hupeh Province of Chungking, reported for the first time on Thursday, have been given in a Chungking communique.

It says that three Japanese columns are driving down from the north and, after heavy fighting have occupied the Yankse, river port of Hosueh.

### Many New Ships, Tokio Claims

IN a broadcast over Tokio Radio, the Japanese Navy spokesman said that aircraft-carriers of unique construction, embodying experience gained in the war, and also a number of powerful battleships, cruisers, and other warships had been completed, one after another, and placed in commission.

### Adelaide Men On Serious Charges

**G**EORGE BRAY, 44, and Alan George Coffey, 53, munition workers, appeared in the Adelaide Police Court last week on charges of robbery with violence.

Police alleged that the robbery took place at the same address where three men were murdered on December 12.

Police said there was a very good reason why the two men should not be granted bail. They were remanded in custody.

### 7 More Japanese Ships Sunk

**S**EVEN Jap. auxiliary and supply ships are among the latest victims of U.S. submarines in the south and S.W. Pacific, Washington has announced.

Three merchantmen, two tankers, a transport and a trawler, make up the tally.

### PLANE RESCUED IN DESERT

**T**HE crews of three Douglas A20 attack bombers which were forced down recently in the North African desert near an oasis, were rescued at great risk by a Douglas transport plane, which was carrying extra petrol and an engine for one of the three bombers.

The return flight was made possible by utilisation of tanks from one of the stranded planes.

### 18,838 U.S. Marine Navy Casualties

**T**OTAL U.S. Marine, Navy, and Coastguard casualties since the Pacific war began are 18,838.

A list issued by the Navy Department gives the following casualties:—Navy, 4348 dead, 1434 wounded, 8473 missing.

Marines: 1114 dead, 1370 wounded, 21 missing.

Coastguards: 38 dead, 11 wounded, 1 missing.

# Australian Highlights and Brevities

## VICTORIA

**A**S from January 1 next, J. B. Were and Son have bought the name and goodwill of the 70-year-old stock-broking firm of John Goodall and Co.

Retirement of John Goodall and Co. from active stock-broking business has been necessitated by the ill-health of Mr. Merson S. Cooper (proprietor) and Mr. F. W. Seekamp, and the death on active service of Squadron-Leader Simon J. Fraser (a great-grandson of the late Mr. John Goodall) through whom the continuity of the firm had been planned.

**BELIEVED** to be Melbourne's heaviest man, and known in his business as the "Peanut King," Ernest Bullas, 52, was admitted to Royal Melbourne Hospital suffering from a broken leg.

The accident occurred when he was cranking up his car, one side of which has been fitted with special springs to carry his 28 stone. The car, which has had one door removed for the driver's convenience, had apparently been left in gear and ran over its owner.

**CR. L. W. GALVIN**, of Bendigo, was elected president of the Provincial Trades Hall Council Association. Other elected were:—Senior vice-president, Mr. A. C. Williams, Ballarat; Junior vice-president, Mr. W. L. Sykes, Geelong; treasurer, Mr. J. C. Ross, Maryborough; secretary, Mr. Stoncham, M.L.A.

**MEMBERS** of the Victorian railways staff now serving in the Army, Navy, and Air Force number 2400. Three hundred are engaged on various war activities for the Commonwealth Government, and 1600 more men are exclusively employed in the production of munitions.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**OFFICERS** elected at the annual meeting of the Actors Equity of Australia (S.A. State Control Committee) were:—President, Mr. T. L. Morriss; vice-presidents, Misses Phyllis Skinner and Joyce Dare; treasurer, Miss Ruth Cullen; secretary, Mr. D. F. Mahoney; committee, Misses Rosie Sturgess, Gloria Millett, Bettie Glew, Ruby Jinks, Jill Loughton, Joy Clyde, and Kath Sellars; delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, Messrs. R. Cullen and D. F. Mahoney.

**AT** a special meeting of the Metropolitan Country Board, it was decided to revoke the wholesale and retail licences under the milk zoning orders held by a suburban vendor, because he was alleged to have distributed milk in dirty bottles. He was granted a fortnight to dispose of his business.

The vendor has the right of appeal to the Department of War Organisation of Industry.

**THE** Red Cross is organising a drive throughout South Australia on December 23 to raise funds for the Australian Prisoners-of-war Fund.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

### Sex Crimes Against Pupils Land Teacher 10 Years' Gaol

**Sex offences against four 15-year-old schoolgirls landed Cedric Selwym Bond, 27-year-old school teacher, and Sunday school superintendent, a gaol sentence of 10 years at the Quarter Sessions in Sydney last week.**

#### Q'LAND GRAZIER LEAVES £116,928

**MR. FREDERICK WILLIAM WILBRAHAM**, grazier, of Undalla, near Beaudesert, who died on October 10, left £116,928.

He bequeathed £1000 to the Australian Inland Mission.

Eleven near relatives were left £3000 each, and his employees and others receive legacies.

His brother, Mr. W. R. Wilbraham, and sisters, Misses Alice, Beatrice, and Ada Wilbraham, share the residue.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**A** NOTICE has been signed applying the provision of the Bread Industry (Western Australia) Order to an area contained within a radius of five miles from the post office, Northam. The effect of the application of the order to this district is that no master baker shall carry on that business except under the authority of a licence.

**THE** recent outbreak of swine fever in the metropolitan area has been checked through the action of the Department of Agriculture in slaughtering affected pigs and in quarantining piggeries, according to the Under-Secretary for Agriculture (Mr. G. K. Baron-Hay). He believes that because of restrictions imposed on the transport of pigs within the quarantine area, the disease cannot spread.

**MRS. HUGH EDWARDS**, wife of the West Australian wing-commander and Victoria Cross winner, has given birth to a son in London.

**DAMAGES** amounting to £173 have been awarded to Miss Sara Kernaghan, 76, who was severely injured in a collision between a motor omnibus and a motor van at the intersection of Adelaide Terrace and Victoria Avenue last May. Mr. Justice Wolff found that the drivers of both vehicles had been negligent. The driver of the van was killed.

**RHODA ALLEN**, soprano, who won the right to be Western Australia's representative for the Melbourne Bequest Scholarship in February, has considerable possibilities as a singer, according to Mr. Harold S. Elvins, Director of the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.

## QUEENSLAND

**THE** Rev. W. H. Cann, well-known Methodist preacher and charitable worker, died on Wednesday. He was 85.

McCann started the philanthropic work of the Central Methodist Mission, and was superintendent there until 15 years ago. He also helped to establish the Methodist Children's Homes at Magill, where he was honorary superintendent for several years after he left the mission.

As chaplain at the Adelaide Gaol he did much valuable work, and he was the first clergyman to broadcast from a South Australian station.

**TWO** children of Texas, Queensland, are dead and others are in hospital as a result of a strange form of gastritis. All are members of Texas families. The deaths occurred within 24 hours of the children's admittance to hospital.

**FAITH BUTLER**, 7, of Station Street, Nudgee, was killed when she fell from a horse near her residence. She received head injuries and was dead when Sandgate ambulance bearers arrived.

**DIFFICULTIES** facing the City Council in holding the by-election for the Valley ward, made necessary by the death of Ald. Downey, may mean Cabinet deciding to extend the date, or holding over the filling of the vacancy, until the general elections in April.

## TASMANIA

**FLYING-OFFICER** Kenneth Burns, who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, is a member of the New Town Cricket Club.

Flying-Officer Munro was born in Auckland 27 years ago, but came to Tasmania as an infant. He was educated at the Elizabeth St. school, and subsequently at the Hobart High School. He played football with the Lefroy Football Club, and for two years before his enlistment was captain of the O.H.O. Football Club.

He managed Vernon's branch at Moonah, and then became employed as an accountant at Cadbury-Fry-Pascall Pty. Ltd., at Claremont. He joined the R.A.A.F. in Tasmania, but soon afterwards transferred to the R.A.F. He was engaged in a recent raid on Genoa, Italy.

**JAMES CHARLES POYNTON**, 71, of Deloraine, died from injuries in a fire at his home. Poynton, who lived alone, was carried from the blazing building by Pte. Roy Farrell, A.I.F., who, at great risk, smashed through the front door to rescue him.

**PLANTS** for the dehydration of vegetables are to be erected at Scottsdale, Ulverstone and Smithton, by arrangement with the Federal Government. These will be in addition to plants being built privately.

**NEARLY** £1000 was raised for patriotic funds at a regatta on the Derwent recently.

**BOND** had pleaded guilty to two charges of having had carnal knowledge of two girl pupils, and to two charges of having indecently assaulted two other girl pupils at Leura, between July and September.

The girls attended Katoomba High School, and had been studying for the Intermediate certificate examination.

Bond was a science teacher at the school, and lived with his wife and 20-months-old baby at Megalong Street, Leura.

Passing sentence on Bond, Judge Studdert said: "You have committed a most serious crime against the State, and you have done a grievous wrong to these girls.

"Each of these girls went to your home a virgin, and left—you know how."

#### "DEBASED PROFESSION"

The senior Crown Prosecutor (Mr. T. S. Crawford, K.C.) said that Bond had debased an honorable and responsible profession by his sex debauchery.

"His whole course of conduct negatives the suggestion by Mr. J. J. Kinkead (who appeared for Bond), that he had a split personality or any other mental kink," added Mr. Crawford.

According to Constable Fisher, Bond's technique was to lure the girls to his home when his wife was absent in Sydney, under the pretence that he desired to instruct them in sexual matters.

He said Bond confessed to him: "I considered the girls needed to know something about sex. I showed them books dealing with sex, and contraceptives.

"Each girl on each occasion got undressed and got into bed with me.

"I had intercourse about 20 times with one of them. I told her she was second to my wife.

"I did not do it with any criminal intent. I was interested in teaching the sexual side, and probably got carried away with it."

**SYDNEY** will soon be unable to eat restaurant meals on Sundays unless staffs are released by the National Employment Office.

Stammell's Cafe, King Street, and the Moana, Pitt Street, are now closed on Sunday because staff is not available.

David Jones recently closed their Sunday night restaurant, which was opened originally for servicemen.

**Read "Guinea Gold" Then  
Pass It On**

# Riverton's Good Villiers Stakes Win From Evergreen

## COUNSEL WINS EPSOM CUP

**STARTING at 7/1, Riverton won the Villiers Stakes at Randwick yesterday from Evergreen and Grand Fils. Freckles, who had been favorite, was scratched on the course.**

At Mentone (Vic.) the Epsom Cup was won by Counsel (6/1) from Portfolio and Sunrocks, who was the medium of a betting plunge that sent him out favorite at 5/2.

### Another Cup Win

**TINY** Jugo-Slav born jockey Tommy Unkovich, is finding life particularly rosy at the moment. A fortnight ago he won the Williamstown Cup for Lou Robertson on Phocion, and yesterday he won the Epsom Cup for the same trainer on Counsel.

### New Sponge Rubber Substitute

**A** NEW substitute sponge rubber has been accidentally discovered by Bauer and Black Company, of New York. During experiments to find a substitute for adhesive tape, a kettle boiled over. The contents foamed up, yielding a rubber substitute.

### DEAR STRING TO CUPID'S BOW

**S**AYING it with flowers costs a lot of money in England these days.

If a Londoner takes a bunch of roses along to his girl friend at Christmas they will set him back £3 a dozen. West End florists say few roses are obtainable, even at that price.

Carnations are already 2s. 6d. each and chrysanthemums 5s. each.

### MISSING FRIENDS

Would Gunner G. McFadyen please contact VX86999 Dvr. J. Patterson through "Guinea Gold."

Ship's Engineer Fleming, of Wollongong (N.S.W.), would like to contact Gnr. Geddes, of an A.A. Regt., without delay. Replies through "Guinea Gold."

LOST.—"Cyma" wrist watch, engraved on back. Finder please contact owner, QX17344 Pte. D. R. Herron, through "Guinea Gold."

### LOST AND FOUND

FOUND.—Watch, engraved on back A. F. Linklater, NX 68478. Owner may contact finder through "Guinea Gold."

**R**IVERTON is the third three-year-old in succession to win the Villiers Stakes, Rimveil winning in 1940, and Yaralla last year. He is trained at Randwick by George Price, and until yesterday had been disappointing. He was a costly yearling.

When Freckles was unexpectedly withdrawn, the stable behind Merrimba threw in for a big win and the gelding started favorite at 5/1.

Counsel's win in the Epsom Cup at Mentone was compensation for his narrow defeat in the Mentone Cup the previous Saturday.

#### MENTONE

**MURRAY HANDICAP.**—Grey Box (14/1) 1, Evidence 2, Crown Seal 3.

**MANUMBA HANDICAP.**—Lamart (10/1) 1, Pickway 2, Reply Paid 3.

**MORDIALLOC STAKES.**—Vergure (7/4) 1, El Reco 2.

**EPSOM CUP.**—Counsel (6/1), 7.7, (T. Unkovich) 1; Portfolio (25/1) 8.0, 2; Sunrocks (5/2 fav.), 7.9, 3.

**PARKDALE WELTER.**—Prince David (12/1) 1, Silver 2, King Peter 3.

**CHELtenham HANDICAP.**—Jill Ann (15/1) 1, Azores 2.

#### RANDWICK

**THREE-YEAR-OLD.**—Sir Neith (6/1) 1, Hawklet 2, Baroda 3.

**NURSERY HANDICAP.**—Flight (20/1) 1, Van Eyck 2, Estbrough 3.

**ENCOURAGE HANDICAP.**—Adjust (12/1) 1, Casket King 2, Gryphon 3.

**VILLIERS STAKES.**—Riverton (7/1) 7.10, 1; Evergreen (8/1) 9.1, 2; Grand Fils (25/1) 8.1, 3. Time 1.36½. Merrimba (5/1) favorite.

**DECEMBER HANDICAP.**—Lambeth (5/1) 1, Amberspear (10/1) 2, Chatham's Choice (6/1) 3.

**HIGHWEIGHT HANDICAP.**—Pinero (10/1) 1, Mustapha 2, Cadger 3.

A Chungking report states that 150,000 Australian sheep have arrived "somewhere in Tibet," after disembarkation at Calcutta.

### Vergure's Owner Here

**V**ERGURE, the only favorite to win at the Epsom Cup meeting at Mentone (Vic.) yesterday, is owned by Jack Ryan, who is serving with the Forces "Somewhere in New Guinea."

### ROBINSON AGAIN

**R**AY ROBINSON, the Harlem welterweight, scored his 40th consecutive victory by technically knocking out Al Nettlow, a Navy chief boatswain's mate. Nettlow, was receiving a severe beating, and his manager requested the referee to halt the bout in the third round.

### BENNEL K.O'S. FADDEN

**D**EFENDING his Australian welterweight title, Hockey Bennell knocked out Bill Fadden at Leichardt (Sydney) Stadium on Thursday.

Bennell fought like a master. He showed great speed and was aggressive in every round.

Before the fight, Bennell was accused of avoiding a match with Vic Patrick.

Bennell replied: "I'm not running away from Patrick. I'm ready to fight him as soon as Stadiums, Ltd., names the date."

"I'm defending my title against Fadden because the promoters told me they regarded him as a logical challenger, since he has twice beaten me."

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORT

**R**EDUCTION of racing days in Brisbane to 39 during the coming year will mean a loss to owners of horses of approximately £80,000 in stakes, writes "The Harvester," of the Brisbane "Courier-Mail."

Before the war Brisbane race clubs distributed about £120,000 annually in prize money. Stakes for the coming year will be about £40,000.

**C**HANGES in colors may be made by some Rugby League clubs in Sydney in the coming year.

Canterbury has sought permission from the Rugby League to play in dark maroon instead of blue and white.

The matter was deferred until next meeting.

Eastern Suburbs may play in green instead of the usual tricolor; Balmain in canary yellow instead of black and gold, and Western Suburbs in all black instead of black and white.

Shortage of jerseys is responsible for the desire to change.

**CLAUDE CORBETT**, Sydney "Sun" sports writer, reports that vice-president Reg. Fusedale has been elected a life member of the Rugby League. Of 11 candidates, Fusedale was the only one successful.

**D**ESPITE the closure of some California race tracks, betting on U.S.A. races was 559,375,000 dollars, 33 million dollars higher than in 1941.

## Agreement On Steel And Silver

**G**REAT Britain, the United States and Canada have agreed to pool their steel resources, and to weld the steel production of the three nations into one unit.

Under a newly-signed agreement the United States will grant, under Lease-Lend, loans of American silver stocks to Britain and Australia to supplement their currency supplies.

**A** FRESH-WATER swimmer, Sam Sheehy, from Campbelltown (N.S.W.), has cut his time for 55 yards almost 10 seconds after only two races in salt water.

Sheehy has joined Sydney Club, and officials tip him to become one of the leading sprinters with a season's tuition.

In his second race at the Domain Baths he clocked 34 3-5 seconds for 55 yards.

Sheehy said that, by comparison with the George's River, "it was just floating without effort."

**N**ORTHERN District (Sydney) slow bowler Hughie Chilvers has taken a narrow lead in the first grade bowling averages.

W. J. O'Reilly, who, for most of the season, had been leading, has slipped to third place, his club-mate, R. Longbottom, being second.

## More Vegetables For Australia

**A** CAMPAIGN to increase vegetable production in all Australian States was decided on yesterday by the Australian Food Council.

The campaign will be organised by the Director-General of Agriculture, Mr. Bullcock. The Minister for Supply, Mr. Beasle, said it was expected that in 1943 more than 55,000 tons of potatoes, carrots, cabbages and onions would be dehydrated in Australia.

### PLENTY FOR THE FORCES

Council decided that there were ample vegetables for defence requirements. The campaign will be directed to the growing of vegetables which will give the greatest nutritive yield per acre for each man hour of labor, the main items being cabbages, carrots, tomatoes, onions, silver beet, canning peas and beans.

# EIGHTH ARMY ROLLS ON TO TRIPOLITANIA

## FIGHTING NEAR SIRTE

**FIGHTING** between forward elements of Gen. Montgomery's Eighth Army, and Axis forces in the vicinity of Sirte, a coastal town 286 kilometres west of El Agheila was announced by Rome Radio yesterday.

The main Axis force is still retreating in the direction of Tripoli, under the relentless pressure of the Eighth Army and the Air Force.

**M**ESSAGES from Cairo indicate that the rearguard of the Afrika Korps cut off in the 15 miles strip between Marble Arch and Matratin number a division strong with attached armour.

Heavy bombers raided Castel Benito, a big airfield 15 miles south of Tripoli, on Thursday night.

### FIGHTING AT NOFILIA

Latest British communique states that on Thursday the Eighth Army was fighting in the Nofilia area, about 40 miles west of Matratin.

Sirte, the principal town in the coastal province of Sirtica, is on the coastal road to Tripoli and Tunis, and is less than 300 miles from the former place. "Marble Arch" is 50 miles west of El Agheila.

### U.S. AFRICAN MISSION

THE United States Economic Mission to French North Africa, which will assist Robert Murphy, Chief Civil Affairs Officer on the staff of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, will consult with British representatives already in North Africa.

The U.S. Mission comprises: Paul Culbertson and Donald Hiss of the State Department, Morris S. Rosenthal, Harold W. Starr, Lloyd Cutler and Livingston of the office of Lend-Lease Administration, Josiah Du Bois of the Treasury Department, and Harold A. Garthouff of Agricultural Department.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, has received a message of congratulation on the work of the 9th division A.J.F. in the Middle East. The message, which pays tribute to the heroic part officers and men of the 9th division played in the recent victory in the Western Desert, has been conveyed to Lieutenant-General Morshead, Commanding 9th division.

### Cinema Programmes

THE new circuit for the Mobile Cinema will commence this evening with the following programme:

Mobile No. 4: "St. Louis Blues," Shorts, "News from Home."

Mobile No. 7: "Live, Love, and Learn," Shorts, "News from Home."

If they are not receiving copies of the circuit, Units are advised to communicate with D.A.D. Amenities.

### Soviet Smashes Tank Attacks

**SOVIET** troops continue to make progress on the Southern, Stalingrad and Central fronts.

**H**EAVY fighting is taking place S.W. of the city, where the German forces trapped between the Volga and the Don are making fresh, fierce attempts to break out.

They have hurled wave on wave of tanks against the Russians far into the night, but all attacks have been repulsed.

An improvement in the weather has enabled the Soviet Air Force to maintain incessant attacks on Axis positions. Moscow reports that 99 enemy planes were shot down in two days.

The Russians have strengthened their positions N.W. of the city, and in the factory area have destroyed nine more enemy strongposts.

In the Rjev-Viazma sector, fierce clashes are continuing.

The Germans have made repeated attempts to cut the Rjev-Viazma railway, but all have been repulsed.

### U.S. Vessels Lost

**A** MEDIUM sized merchant vessel was sunk off the East Coast, and a medium sized Belgian merchantman in mid-Atlantic during September, the U.S. Navy Department announced.

Survivors have been landed at a United States East Coast port.

### ALLIES GAIN IN BUNA AREA

**A**LLIED troops broke through a belt of heavy fortifications and captured the Cape Endaiadere area yesterday.

On the left we have mopped up enemy remnants near the Amboga and Kumusi River mouths. Already 196 enemy dead have been buried there by our troops, and many more bodies await burial.

Our Air Force continues its support of ground units. Enemy planes were active over our rear areas after dark.

Our medium and heavy bombers raided the aerodrome at Lae.

Yesterday's communique from General MacArthur's Headquarters also stated:—

**MADANG:**—The enemy's naval forces are active off the northern coast

### KEEP YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL

**OUR worst enemy in New Guinea is not the NIP— Its the BITE.**

This is the mosquito who stands on his head, and drives his proboscis straight into the skin. Unlike his unpleasant, but harmless brother, who rests his body on his legs parallel to his victim while he takes his leisurely issue from your blood bank, he causes more casualties than the Jap.

**SOME Fifth Columnist has circulated a story that taking quinine makes a man impotent. Nothing could be more false.**

But it is quite certain that repeated attacks of malaria will do so. A man becomes so weakened by repeated attacks that he loses all his energy and doesn't find much interest in life anyway.

Only one person can safeguard you against this, and that is yourself.

**First**—Take two quinine pills every day in Buna and Milne Bay, and one in Moresby.

The reason for the difference is that the larger number of these 'Mozzies' in Buna and Milne Bay mean probably many more bites, and therefore much more infection.

**Second**—Always sleep under a net.

**Third**—Cover your limbs after sundown; that is:—Shirt sleeves down, and slacks and gaiters on.

### LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

### HOSTEL DEATHS NOW 104

**D**EATH roll in the tragic Knights of Columbus Hostel fire at St. John's (Newfoundland) a week ago is now 104, and 130 are in hospital.

The Hostel was filled with 500 servicemen and others, enjoying their regular Saturday night dance when the fire broke out.

The flames raced through the wooden structure with incredible rapidity, trapping the panic-stricken dancers.

### Dozens Crushed To Death

Dozens of them were crushed to death as screaming men and women blocked the exits, fighting to reach safety.

Rescue workers later found piles of bodies inside all the doorways, as was the case in the Coconut Grove disaster in Boston three weeks ago.

The Government has announced that some Canadian servicemen are among the victims.

### R.A.F. Hammers Axis Supply Lines

**A**LLIED patrols have pushed several miles into enemy territory around Tunis and Bizerta. The Air Force continues to strike heavily at Axis shipping attempting to supply and reinforce the beleaguered ports, as well as hammering the two centres.

Flying Fortresses of North African Command were among the force which attacked Axis shipping 50 miles off Tunis. Heavy bombs were aimed at the enemy convoy, which included troopships and supply ships. One direct hit was observed on a warship and later another cruiser and a troopship were set afire.

Five Axis transport planes were shot down on their way to Tunisia, and a number destroyed on the ground.

### Guards To Rescue

Troops of a famous Guards Regiment saved the day at Nedjez-el-Bab when the Axis counter-attack was repelled at a cost of 18 tanks, a London message states.

A couple of hundred men, supported by U.S. tanks were holding Nedjez-el-Bab when the enemy counter-attacked in greatly superior numbers and armor.

A battalion of Guards was sent to reinforce the position which was being over-run. Their timely arrival after a long march over rough country saved the day, and Nedjez-el-Bab was not only held, but the enemy pushed back to two miles behind their original positions.

**MR. W. M. HUGHES, M.H.R.**, has predicted that Federal elections will be held next July or August.