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## RUSSIANS KILL 28,000; CAPTURE

### WAR SUMMARY

**RUSSIA:**—Soviet troops advance 75 miles in five days. Envelopment of 15 crack German divisions threatened.

**NORTH AFRICA:**—Our troops now 150 miles west of El Agheila.

**BURMA:**—Japanese continue to avoid contact with advancing British forces.

**NEW GUINEA:**—Capture of one of the main airbases in Buna area announced. Two Jap cargo vessels sunk by bombers at Finschafen Harbor.

### Burma

## JAPS AVOID CONTACT

BRITISH penetration into Western Burma continued on Saturday, but still no contact was made with the Japanese, who are continuing their retreat.

The Maundaw-Buthibiaung area has been occupied, and British aircraft have been giving attention to Japanese-occupied places in the Akyab area, 60 miles to the south east. An airfield, 120 miles north of Rangoon was also bombed.

Japanese night fighters put in an appearance and several combats took place. All British aircraft in all operations returned safely to their bases.

An English press correspondent reported: "Vichy radio recently referred to a Japanese advance into India, but, as was the case earlier when it reported a similar advance into China, the Japanese appear to be advancing backwards."

## Nazi Ace Killed

REUTERS correspondent at Allied Headquarters in North Africa, has revealed that a Hurricane, during the first days of occupation of Algeria, shot down a Junker 88, killing Gruppenkommander von Roth, one of Germany's outstanding airmen, who was making a personal survey of the situation.

## 13,500 IN FIERCE ENGAGEMENTS

ADVANCE guards of Soviet forces are nearing Millerovo on the Moscow-Rostov railway about 200 miles south of Voronej. They have advanced in one sector up to 75 miles in five days and have recaptured 300 occupied places, killed 28,000 Germans, and taken 13,500 prisoners.

The offensive appears to threaten the whole length of the railway line between Voronej and Millerovo, and the envelopment of 15 crack German divisions.

The offensive, which is on a 60-miles-wide front is being carried out in a fierce blizzard.

AN initial obstacle, with which the Russians had to contend, was a wall of ice created by German engineers spilling large quantities of water over the steep western banks of the Don.

Soviet troops opened artillery fire against the ice at point-blank range, smashing large sections of it to pieces. Storming ladders were placed against other sections, and scaled by Tommy gunners who quickly dealt with the defenders.

The Germans admit considerable Russian successes in a statement that they have shortened their front in the Middle Don region.

### North Africa

## AXIS RETREAT CONTINUES

BRITISH forces are now more than 150 miles west of El Agheila, according to the latest reports from Libya.

There is still no sign of the Germans halting their retreat.

Allied fighter-bombers on Sunday continued non-stop attacks on retreating enemy units south of Sirte, and along the whole coastal area of Tripolitania as far as Burtat.

In Tunisia, French troops have occupied a locality west of Kairouan, and have held despite violent counter-attacks by enemy tanks.

In the course of the fight, the enemy suffered heavy casualties.

On the Don-Volga, and Central fronts, the Russian offensives are continuing despite the diversion of interests to the Voronej sector.

On the Central front the Russians took another strongly-fortified position by building a dam across the river, and suddenly crossing the river below the dam in tanks.

## CALCUTTA'S FIRST RAID

JAPANESE planes raided Calcutta for the first time on Sunday night.

The raids lasted two hours and bombs fell over a large area.

No military damage was done, and civilian casualties were extremely light.

## INDIA'S WAR OUTLOOK

### VICEROY CONFIDENT

THE Viceroy of India (Lord Linlithgow) reviewing India's defences in an address to the Indian Chamber of Commerce at Calcutta, said that the outlook for Indian defence was brighter, that preparations had been made against a possible invasion of the country, and that the defence position was improved.

The constitutional dislocation, he said, arose from the failure of Indians themselves to agree on who should take over the powers which the British Government was ready to transfer.

### Has Army Of 1,000,000

The total strength of the Indian Army in July last was more than 1,000,000 men.

The intake of 70,000 a month reached in May has since been maintained.

The highest monthly figure reached during the last war was 40,000, and that was only once.

These figures are announced by the India Office.

The Indian Army contains every type of unit and every arm of the service, including armoured corps and parachute troops.

There are units of the Indian Army in the United Kingdom, Africa, Egypt, Palestine, Syria, Iraq, Persia and Ceylon.

Indian units were also in Hong Kong, Malaya and Burma.

## "Block-Busters" Dropped In Raid On Duisburg

TWO ton "block busters" were dropped by R.A.F. bombers in a heavy raid on Duisburg, industrial town in Western Germany, on Saturday night.

Thousands of incendiaries were also dropped, and it is believed that the town suffered terrific damage. Eleven of our bombers are missing.

While the R.A.F. was over Duisburg, Americans, flying B24s (Liberators) and B17s (Flying Fortresses), and escorted by many fighters, attacked industrial targets at Romilly, a town 94 miles from Paris.

Fourteen of the enemy fighters which attacked the bombers were shot down. We lost six planes.

# Australian Highlights and Brevities

## VICTORIA

**P**ORTLAND has been chosen by Federal Cabinet as one of five wool-storage centres to be established in inland centres to decentralise industry, and to assist the over-taxed railway systems. Other centres chosen are Moree, Dubbo and Werris Creek (N.S.W.), and Roma (Qld.).

**A**FTER being at liberty for three years, a man named McEntee, who escaped from Beechworth gaol by climbing an 18ft. wall, has been arrested in Sydney and charged with breaking and entering, and the theft of £1000 worth of property. Although he gave another name, he was identified at McEntee.

**M**OTOR registration fees paid into the funds of the Victorian Country Roads Board for 1941-42 amounted to £1,563,106, compared with £1,804,139 for the previous year. Refunds and cost of collection was £119,509.

**M**ETROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADE and the Infectious Diseases Hospital will receive £119,443 between them as their share of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board's statutory contribution for the year.

The sum represents an increase of £4015 on 1940-41 figures.

**I**NTEREST was being taken in attempts to find oil at Lakes Entrance. Developments were well under way, and about £40,000 had been spent on it, said the Minister for Supply (Mr. Beasley) on Saturday.

Cabinet has decided to permit an increase in Austral Oil Drilling Syndicate's share of assets. Three shifts are being worked.

## TASMANIA

**T**HE belief that education should be taken over by the Federal Government, and should be free from the lowest grades to the Universities, was expressed by Father T. J. O'Donnell at Mt. Carmel School, Hobart. He said that religion should be the first subject, and for those who do not want it, other subjects should be submitted.

**T**HE organisation of open-air clubs at Launceston schools, and a revival of the plan to establish a camp site at the Third Basin are among the proposals of the National Fitness Council of Tasmania, Northern branch, to encourage children to gain health by spending their leisure in the open air.

**A** PROPOSAL to replace the New Norfolk Swimming Club floating pool for beginners with a modern and larger pool was made at a meeting of the club at New Norfolk. It was said that if the New Norfolk Council would donate sufficient tar drums for a new pool, Australian Newsprint Mills Pty. Ltd. would provide the timber for its construction. Carpenters employed at the mill at Boyer had offered to build the pool.

## An Outsider Looks In On Us And Sees—

### BREEZY BRISBANE, BEER AND PRETTY GIRLS

**A**N American who visited Australia for the Saturday Evening Post found Brisbane a "friendly breezy frontier." And he liked the girls. But he also says:—

"**B**EEER is Australia's favorite potion, in war or in peace."

Australia is the "daffiest of all sports-daffy nations."

Then lie rounds off his summing up with:

"Australia is a vast human place worth knowing better."

#### "Guide To Australia"

The journalist was John Lardner, and in the Saturday Evening Post, he gave what he called "A Handy Guide to Australia."

In his story he said: "The line of Diggers waiting for the fresh beer ration at a jungle camp, where I spent a few nights, was as long and as tense as a queue of American women waiting to see Tyrone Power in person."

"The Australian girls are fine and handsome, and fresh in the best sense of the world—and nearly all are intelligent. They have sunny tempers and their legs are beautiful, too."

"But one of the war's liveliest stirs was caused by a rumour that Jimmy Stewart (Hollywood actor) had arrived with the American Army."

#### A Singing Nation

"I expected to find 'Waltzing Matilda' the hit tune of the war. It was widely known and highly esteemed, but 'Bless 'Em All' was an epidemic."

"Australia is a singing nation, familiar with nearly every song in the English language. When Australia adopts a song she will let no visitor forget it."

"The racchorse is monarch of every Australian he surveys."

"The one article of faith among Australian sportsmen that the Yank should be warned against challenging, is that Phar Lap met a poisoned death by the assassin's hand."

## ARE YOU A PODGER?

**D**O you know anything about podging?

The name came up in Melbourne on Saturday, when the Women's Employment Board refused an application by Angliss and Co. to employ women "podgers" in meat canning.

"Podging" is the name given to task of ramming cooked meat into tins to expel the air.

The chairman said the evidence showed it required great concentration, weakened the wrists, and could produce neuritis. The Board therefore ruled it beyond the capacity of women.

## Sydney Harbour Flooded

**A**DMITTING he was full to overflowing, but not with water, a man giving the name of Sydney Harbour, appeared in the City Court, Melbourne, on Saturday, charged with begging alms.

Detective Kellet said the man approached him and asked him for ninnepence, when the detective disclosed his identity, Harbour said, "Well, I don't suppose I'll get the ninnepence."

He didn't, but got 6 months' gaol instead.

## QUEENSLAND

**E**ARLY in the New Year, Brisbane will have 400 trams in service. Another new tram of the streamlined type went into commission recently, making the 399th tram in service.

**M**ORE than 370,000 meals have been served to members of the fighting forces in the Troops' Welfare Club (City Hall) since its opening three years ago.

The clubs is now serving an average of 500 meals a day.

There have been a number of romances at the club, and at least six girls have married members of the forces whom they first met there.

**C**ABINET is expected to consider this week the advisability of allowing the 143 local authority councils outside the metropolitan area to hold their elections next May, instead of April. This would avoid the intervention of Easter.

**M**R. GAVIN WALD, assistant manager of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Brisbane, has received notification of his appointment as manager of the Hobart branch. In the last 23 years Mr. Wald has been manager in turn of the Commonwealth Bank in Maryborough, Toowoomba, and Rockhampton, and has held his present position since January, 1939.

**U**NLESS the decline in sugar production is arrested there is a real danger of supply falling below essential needs, according to the Australian Sugar Producer Association, which states that most recent estimate of Queensland's sugar output for 1942 indicates a production of about 625,000 tons.

The estimated crop will be the smallest in 22 years since 1935.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

**P**ERMISSION for tram conductors to work without coats has been given by the N.S.W. Transport Minister, but he has ruled that tram crews must not be dressed in slovenly style. One man has been reported already for going too far.

**F**RANCIS ERIC RIDDETT, licensee of the Queensland Hotel, Kent and Erskine Streets, was fined £25 at Central Summons Court for having in his possession prohibited imports, two cartons of American Lucky Strike cigarettes.

**T**HE Australian Food Council may undertake responsibility for securing adequate supplies of the cheap, fresh, pure milk for civilians.

Leading British nutrition experts have told the council that, if potatoes, fresh vegetables, and fresh pure milk are available in ample quantities, there would be no danger of malnutrition.

**P**OLICE state that two men, masquerading as nuns, have been responsible for thefts from houses in the Ettalong, Pearl Beach areas recently.

**C**LAIMING that a certain Constable was "regulation-made," Sydney taxi drivers decided on Friday that they would not ply for hire until he was removed.

**W**OMEN teachers in N.S.W. are urging repeal of legislation passed in 1932 which terminated the employment of women as teachers in the Education Department once they married. The ban has been lifted both in U.S. and England since the war.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**G**AOL terms aggregating 15 years were imposed in the Perth Criminal Court last week on persons concerned either with the thefts, or receiving a quantity of cigarettes, the property of the U.S. Navy.

Stanley Roy Burrows, who was convicted of having stolen 30,600 cigarettes from a store in Freemantle, was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. Alexander William Jones and Edger Gale were sentenced to five year and two years' gaol respectively for having received cigarettes. Mrs. Ernestine Olive Myra Kerbey was sentenced to three years' imprisonment with hard labor.

**T**HE Legislative Council, has on a division, rejected the Increase of Rent (War Restrictions) Act Amendment Bill, which proposed to make it an offence to refuse to let a house to people with children and required a lessor to keep a record showing the rent received in respect of any land leased by him.

**P**ERTH, like Brisbane, closed its kindergartens this year because of war conditions, but when they reopened in Perth three months later, it was found that the movement had widened its scope, and become stronger than ever, because links had been made with the public.

# Kindergarten To Attempt Record Win

## SATURDAY'S RACING HIGHLIGHT

**KINDERGARTEN'S** effort to win the Auckland Cup, of two miles, with the record weight of 10.2, will be the highlight of Australasian racing on Saturday.

**REGARDED** as easily the best horse since Phar Lap, and by many as even better than the great chestnut, Kindergarten is a red-hot favorite.

Although Kindergarten has not raced over two miles, few New Zealanders believe that the distance will prove beyond him, even with such a big weight. They point to the fast manner in which the horse has finished at the end of a mile and a half with weights almost as great as that he will have to lump on Saturday.

Record weight carried to victory in the Auckland Cup is 9.12 by a horse called Nelson, who won the Auckland Cup three years in succession. Many horses have won with more than 9.0. Beau Vite was not regarded as a genuine two-miler in Australia—he failed at the end of three Melbourne Cups—yet he won the Auckland Cup with 9.6.

Sixty-three horses were weighted for the Auckland Cup, and 40 of them are on the minimum of 7.0. This suggests that in the main the class opposed to Kindergarten is not good.

### Travel Problem For Breeders

**L**ACK of transport for yearlings from country stud farms to the city saleyards is causing breeders and auctioneers a lot of worry.

A travel ban prohibits the carriage of racehorses either by train or motor fleet, but it is hoped that, as in England, rolling stock will be provided for the young horses.

Preliminary arrangements have been made for the annual sales in Sydney and Melbourne at Easter. About 250 youngsters will be offered in Melbourne.

### "Old Soldiers . . ."

**H**AVING enlisted in the A.I.F. at the age of "40," Private John Moores, who acknowledges that he is 66, has just returned from the Middle East, after having served two years with a machine-gun company.

Authorities consider him too old for further service abroad, but he protested in Sydney that he felt as fit as a fiddle, and "would like to have seen the show through." He was born in Middlesex, and served in the last war. He has two sons in the A.I.F.

### New Turf Club May Reduce Charges

**A** REDUCTION of racecourse admission charges, and the prohibition of persons under 18 years of age from attendance at race meetings will be suggested by the Government for consideration by the new Sydney Turf Club Committee.

Announcing this, the Chief Secretary (Mr. Baddeley) said that encouragement to the public to attend racecourses by fixing cheaper charges would strike a blow at S.P. "hole-in-corner" tactics.

The new club, said Mr. Baddeley, would be enabled by its constitution to pay better prize money and consequently attract the best class of horses under its control.

### King's 1943 Racing Hopes

**T**HE King, who was represented by Sun Chariot, the best filly, and by Bir Game, one of the best colts, in the classic races in England this year, will be a strong challenger for the 1943 classics. His horses include Tipstaff, who is spoken of as a possible winner of the Two Thousand Guineas, and the Derby, and Open Warfare, who is to be trained for the One Thousand Guineas, the Oaks and St. Leger. Gordon Richards will again wear the King's color.

### Hobart Cup of £400

**T**HE Hobart Cup will be run on January 23 and will carry the prize money of £400. Two-year-olds are at a premium in Tasmania this season and for the first time it is unlikely that they will be catered for at the Hobart meeting.

### £50,000 To War Fund

**I**NVESTMENT by the Q.T.C. of £4000 in the Austerity Loan brought the club's total investments in war loans and donations to patriotic funds to £32,688 since war began. It is estimated that in Brisbane alone race clubs have contributed more than £50,000.

### CONCERT TONIGHT

**U**NDER the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., a variety concert is to be held in the town to-night. A good programme of instrumental and vocal items has been arranged.

### THE BITER BIT

**I**N a single-seater car near Wirth's Park, Melbourne, wireless police found a four-gallon tin of petrol, four smaller tins containing petrol, and a length of rubber tube.

The driver said he was a mail clearance driver. They took him to the G.P.O. and inspected several trucks from which petrol had been taken.

Then, as they were taking the man in his own car to police headquarters, it stopped.

"Good heavens, someone has milked my car," was the man's comment.

### Soldiers' Deaths Probed

**A**T an inquiry at Geelong (Vic.) into the death of two soldiers, the deputy Coroner (Mr. E. J. Haynes, J.P.) was told that the circumstances were similar in each case.

He was investigating the deaths of Dvr. Roy Arthur Willis, 44, and Pte. John Joseph Hulston, 19.

The bullet-riddled body of Dvr. Willis was found on Wallington Road on May 29, and that of Pte. Hulston by fishermen several days after he had been shot while on sentry duty, at Point Lonsdale on September 1.

The Coroner recorded an open finding in both cases.

## News Flashes From U.S.A.

### Plane Crew's Fine Shooting

**S**OME sort of all-time high in speed and accuracy of marksmanship has been rung up by the crew of an American Flying Fortress, piloted by First-Lieutenant William J. Casey.

The Fortress has been credited with shooting down seven German Fockewulf 190 fighters in the exceedingly short time of twelve minutes. The action occurred on November 23.

Crew members report seeing pilots bail out or plunge into the sea from five of the seven planes. The other two Fockewulfs exploded in mid-air.

**A**GRICULTURE production in the United States for 1942 shows an increase of 12 per cent. of all crops over 1937, the banner year of the past, and an increase of 14 per cent. over last year.

The recently harvested corn crop totalled 3,175,153,000 bushels and wheat 981,327,000 bushels.

Four-year-old Lucille Tielsch, of Pittsburg, has eaten almost three tons of bananas in the past two years.

The child is afflicted with a rare disease, and cannot digest fats, starches or sugar, says a New York message.

### 22 Days' Ordeal Adrift

**C**APTAIN EDDIE RICKENBACKER, who was rescued after being lost twenty-two days in the Pacific following a crash landing in heavy seas, was pinch hitter for Secretary of War Stimson at the latter's press conference last weekend.

Rickenbacker told reporters that he and seven companions missed their scheduled landing on a small island because of a faulty compass and lack of weather data. They took off from Hawaii.

For the first eight days adrift they subsisted on only four oranges. When hunger pangs became unbearable on the eighth day, they prayed humbly for deliverance. An hour later a seagull made a landing on Rickenbacker's shoulder.

It was eaten with gusto and its entrails used for bait, with which the party snared two small fish.

Only one of the party of eight failed to survive. He was Sergeant Alexander Kaczmarek, who died of salt water poisoning and starvation.

### CINEMA PROGRAMMES

**T**HE advertised programmes (see circuit) have been switched as follows:—

No. 7 to Pitt St.  
No. 4 to Callow Rd.

### TAXATION NOW £99 A HEAD

**A**MERICANS are taxed nearly twice as heavily as the British people, says Ralph Hendershot, New York World Telegram financial editor.

He says that Americans pay approximately 317 dollars (£99) a head, while the British pay only 184 dollars (£57/10/-) a head.

Both British and Americans pay about 30 per cent. of their earnings to the Government.

The bigger earnings of Americans are largely offset by the greater purchasing power of the pound, he says.

### U.S. Launching Record

**S**ETTING a world record, a U.S. shipbuilding company launched four destroyers at an East Coast port in 28 minutes. The same day four naval auxiliary craft were launched by the same company. The destroyers were the Rinwood, Stevenson, Schroeder, and Stockton. Four more keels were laid at the yard the same day.

# STEADY HEADWAY AT BUNA

## BRITAIN'S WAR CHRISTMAS

BRITAIN is to have its most austere Christmas.

Christmas puddings are practically unobtainable; the few turkeys available to civilians will cost 4/4 to 4/4 a lb.

It is unlikely that any drink other than the watered liquor at present masquerading as good English beer will be available for most people.

The range of toys available is very limited. Christmas cards are available, but Britons have been asked officially not to send them. Travelling is discouraged.

## SUBMARINE LOST

THE British Admiralty announces that the submarine Unbeaten is overdue and must be presumed lost. Lieutenant D. E. O. Watson, the Unbeaten's commander, was awarded the D.S.O. last October for his skill in submarine patrols.

## COLOSSAL SHIP BUILDING PLAN: 14,000,000 TONS

British and U.S. ship building programmes provide for "substantially more than 14,000,000 tons of shipping deadweight" in 1943, Capt. Lyttleton, Production Minister, told the House of Commons last week.

CAPT. LYTTLETON was replying to questions regarding his recent visit to U.S.A. He revealed also that other subjects he discussed in America were:—

1. Use of American shipping to ensure maintenance of total British contribution to the war.
2. A combined programme for the building of escort vessels and their allocation to the British and U.S. Navies.
3. U.S.A. was asked to make as far as war contingencies permitted a fur-

## LOST AND FOUND

LOST:—Solid silver cigarette case, with broken catch, on waterfront road, Moresby. Finder please contact owner through "Guinea Gold."

FOUND.—Wallet, pay-book and notebook. Name in pay-book A/Lieut. White, N. R. Owner may contact finder through "Guinea Gold."

LOST.—Spectacle case, between Moresby and Quay. Finder please return to "Guinea Gold."

## WANTED KNOWN

L.A.C. Cosgrove, R.A.A.F. Reply awaiting you at "Guinea Gold."

Would L.A.C. Grey, R.A.A.F., please communicate with VX 53145 Cpl. J. Fairweather through "Guinea Gold."

Spr. J. D. Polkinghorne, of Drouin (Vic.) desires to meet Harvey Wilkinson, of Wangaratta. (Vic.). Replies to "Guinea Gold."

## Egoist Hitler Spurns Advice

HITLER, against the advice of all his experts, is carrying on the war as though his resources are still as lavish as at the outbreak, and as though the United Nations' production has not overtaken that of the Axis, states "The Times" correspondent on the German frontier.

Explaining why General Halder was suspended as Chief of Staff by General Zeitzler, the correspondent says that, as this winter approached, General Halder urged Hitler to abandon his attempt to take Stalingrad, and suggested instead that he should fill North Africa with men and planes, dovetailing a substantial segment of the Luftwaffe for retaliation against England.

General Halder, owing to complete exhaustion of German mineral and oil reserves, urged that the German offensive should be focussed at one vital point.

Hitler, for political reasons, insisted that the assault on Stalingrad should continue at all costs.

## WEDGE DRIVEN INTO JAPANESE DEFENCES

THE capture of one of the main air strips, and the driving of a wedge into the enemy's defence system were announced in a communique issued last night from General MacArthur's Headquarters.

THE communique says: "The attack begun on the Buna area on Sunday with the co-ordinated support of tanks, artillery and aircraft, is making steady headway. "A zone of heavy bunker-type strong points, with supporting and inter-connecting emplacements of concrete, was overrun, and a wedge driven into the enemy's main defence system."

### Fortresses Destroy Ships

The communique also reports a successful attack by Flying Fortresses on two cargo vessels in the harbor at Finschafen. Several direct hits were scored. The stern of one vessel was blown off and the other was left in flames.

Havocs (A 20s) strafed the building area from a low altitude, starting fires.

The communique reports reconnaissance activity only in the north-western sector.

## AIR SCHEME'S BIRTHDAY

### "A Potent Factor"

THE importance of the Empire Air Training scheme was emphasised by the British Air Secretary (Sir Archibald Sinclair) and the Australian Minister for Air (Mr. Drakeford) in an exchange of messages to mark the third anniversary of the scheme.

Sir Archibald Sinclair in his message said: "Those who planned three years ago had great vision, but even they could not have foreseen what a potent factor this scheme would become in our air effort against common enemies. During the last year you have seen your territories seriously threatened, and we have shared your anxiety. Nevertheless, you have continued with great tenacity of purpose to send air crews to fight our enemies, not only in the Pacific area, but far beyond. Those magnificent crews, well trained and dauntless in battle, are an inspiration to us all."

### The Axis Stilts

Mr. Drakeford, in his reply, said Australia was proud to be associated with Britain and other Dominions. When, three years ago, the frame work of the scheme had been erected, many had regarded it as a vision to be hoped for rather than a goal which could be realised. Yet, on the framework, had been built a keen-edged weapon, which was surely cutting beneath the stilts on which the Axis arrogantly strove to wield world power.

## JAPS ROUTED AT HOWSEH

A CHUNGKING communique says that Japanese forces near Howseh, on the Yangtse Kiang, have been routed by the Chinese, and are facing imminent annihilation.

Japanese attacks at Changtung, in the Province of Kwangtung, were also repulsed with heavy losses.

Vast quantities of war materials are being flown from India to China by a regular service of giant freighters. These planes are also carrying many Chinese air force cadets, who have completed their training in America.

On their return flight to India, the planes are taking out huge quantities of raw silk for the manufacture of parachutes.

## XMAS CHURCH SERVICES

CHRISTMAS Day services have been arranged as under:—

**St. John's, Port Moresby**

0800 hrs.: Holy Communion.

0930 hrs.: Holy Communion.

1030 hrs.: Parade Service.

1900 hrs.: Evening Service.

### Roman Catholic Parades

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH: Midnight Mass, 0700 hrs. and 0830 hrs.

MURRAY BARRACKS: Midnight Mass and 0930 hrs.

H.Q., N.G.F.: Midnight Mass and 0830 hrs.

EDDY AVENUE Y.M.C.A.: Midnight Mass.

M.D.S. BOMANA: 0700 hrs.

9 A.G.H.: 1000 hrs.

AIR FORCE: H.Q. 0700 hrs.; Ward's drome 0930 hrs.; 4th Squadron 1100 hrs.

Sunday, December 27th—Same as usually advertised.

## Bread Zoning Saves £700,000

BREAD zoning in the capital cities had saved bakers more than £700,000 a year, the Minister for War Organization of Industry announced on Saturday.

He said it had diverted 1500 men and 1400 vehicles to other work. Whether consumers would benefit depended on the Price-Fixing authorities.

### Navigation Lectures

THE first lecture on "Navigation by the Stars," arranged by the Army Education Service, will be given in the Y.M.C.A., Port Moresby, tomorrow at 1930 hours.

THE Commissioner of Railways (Mr. Wills) has appealed to Queenslanders not to use the railway system at Christmas time.

## Novel Goodwill Message

A NEW war service was inaugurated between the U.S. and China last week, when a handwritten message from President Roosevelt to General Chiang Kai-Shek was transmitted by military radiophoto service.

In his reply, the Generalissimo remarked: "May this be a symbol of the rapid progress of the United Nations' war effort."