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NOT FOR SALE

BATTLE FOR TUNIS BEGINS

LIST OF P.O.W's.

A brief initial list of names of Australian soldiers who are prisoners of war in the hands of the Japanese has reached the Federal Government.

This was announced yesterday by the Minister for the Army (Mr. Forde) who said that next of kin were being advised.

Air Forces Hammer Jap. Targets

A Delhi reports a raid of nine American heavy bombers on a big Japanese oil refinery in Bangkok, capital of Siam.

American bombers, including dive bombers, also raided the Canton area and wrecked an 8,000 ton ship, the fourth destroyed in three days.

In Burma, R.A.F. planes raided Heho, Mangaladon and Meiktila on Wednesday night.

On Wednesday night Blenheims, with fighter escort, raided the railway yards at Myingyan in daylight. In all these operations only one light plane was lost.

On Guadalcanal in the Solomons, U.S. Army fighters continue to harass enemy positions. The latest Washington communique says that ground activity is on a reduced scale.

In New Guinea yesterday, Allied medium bombers concentrated on Buna and Lae. Weather conditions were bad.

CHIANG KAI SHEK GIVES FORMULA FOR WORLD UNITY

"Unless real world co-operation replaces both isolationism and imperialism in the new world, there will be no lasting security," wrote Marshall Chiang Kai Shek, famous Chinese generalissimo, in his contribution to the New York "Herald-Tribune" Forum of Public Discussion.

"The United Nations must start immediately to organise an international order, embracing all peoples, to enforce peace and justice among them," he stated.

"We must begin to-day, not tomorrow, applying these principles among ourselves, even at some

BRITISH ADVANCE DESPITE STIFF AXIS OPPOSITION

The battle for Tunis has started. The British First Army has driven the enemy from Medjez-El-Bab, a place on the railway 30 Miles South-West.

This is reported in a communique from the British First Army Headquarters which said that our troops had advanced north east after having overcome stubborn opposition..

ALLIED fighters gave strong protection for the ground operations.

The communique adds that United States army planes bombed the enemy drome near Tunis on Thursday morning and destroyed 10 enemy planes on the ground. The airfield was littered with enemy aircraft destroyed in previous raids.

R.A.F. fighters in several sweeps yesterday shot down at least 12 enemy planes. The R.A.F. lost 7 planes, but three of the pilots are safe.

In Libya, Rommel's rearguard is still sparing for time near the El Agheila bottle-neck.

Yesterday's Cairo communique reported that the British Eighth Army had been in contact with the enemy's rearguard, midway between Jedabya and El Agheila.

sacrifice of absolute powers in individual countries.

"The Chinese, feel that the United Nations must advance from the narrow idea of exclusive alliances and regional blocs which make for bigger and better wars, to an effective organisation for world unity."

M.E. Casualties
Canberra, Friday.—Australian Ninth Division casualties in the recent Egyptian and Libyan fighting were 2419, including 619 killed or died of wounds and 1800 wounded.

LADY BROOKES FOR POLITICS?

Lady Brookes, wife of Sir Norman Brookes, has been asked to stand as an independent candidate for one of two Melbourne metropolitan seats at the next Federal elections. She will probably decide next week.

IMPETUS OF RUSSIAN DRIVE MAINTAINED

IN Southern Russian, Marshal Timoshenko's greatest offensive is still in full force, and its impetus is unbroken in the 20,000 square miles area of the Don bend region.

The latest Russian communique says that Soviet troops on Thursday occupied two more populated places, north-west of Stalingrad, five in the Don basin and seven south-west of Stalingrad. They took another 12,000 prisoners making a total of 63,000 since November 19.

THE FIGHTING MOONEYS

A proud woman is Mrs. B. Mooney of Given Terrace, Paddington, Brisbane, and she has reason for pride because her nine sons are in the fighting services. James (38) and Joseph (34) are missing in Malaya. Their mother does not forget them and writes once a month in the hope that she will hear some good news one day. John (32), Peter (30), Michael (24), Herbert (21), and Lawrence (18) are in the Army. Patrick (28) is an aircraftman, while Thomas (27) has been invalided out after seven months' service but is anxious to get in again. Mrs. Mooney, Sen., is an invalid. There are two girls.

It is estimated that at least 20 Axis divisions are threatened with encirclement and destruction.

In the past 8 days the Russians have captured 1,320 Axis tanks.

Moscow says the Germans are putting up fierce resistance in heavily fortified positions in the 20 miles gap between the Russian pincers.

Thursday's communique reported the capture of 157 German tanks which had been dug in as pillboxes.

Stalingrad defenders are striking back hard at the enemy. They have occupied several streets in the southern suburbs after fierce fighting in which 500 Axis soldiers were killed.

Up to the present, Moscow has not confirmed a German report of the start of the Russian offensive on the central front.

A Berlin military spokesman has declared that the Russians attacked on Wednesday on a broad front south of Kalinin. The spokesman admitted that the Russians had penetrated Byeloi, 60 miles south of Rjev.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL STATES

NEW SOUTH WALES

Practically all gold mines in N.S.W. have ceased production and employees are being transferred to metal mines, leaving only minimum staffs to keep the gold mines in order.

Demand for books is more than booksellers and publishers can handle. A Sydney book-store manager said that Americans were great readers of Australian literature. The manpower shortage had reduced stocks, and people were reading more.

The licence of the Rev. Stuart Watts of Casino has been restored following a conference with Bishop Stevenson, of Grafton. Statements to this effect were read in the Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton, and St. Mark's Casino, by the Bishop and the Rev. Watts. The incident followed the rejection of a motion, aimed at the adoption of Soviet Social methods, tabled at the Grafton Synod.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Burnside Board of Health has directed attention to the Minister for Health (Mr. Jeffries) to a recent case in which a baby died from diphtheria after it had been infected, apparently by a trained nurse, who proved to be a carrier.

Full Fire Brigade honours were given at the funeral of Mr. George Patrick Cooper, 69, of Dulwich, who died suddenly. He was former chief officer of the brigade, and his service dated from 1896.

South Australia is still suffering from a measles epidemic. Three hundred and forty-two cases were reported for the first week in November and two of these were fatal. In the second week, there were 15 cases, and figures have not since declined.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MORE than half the total estate listed in the statement of assets and liabilities of the late Senator E. B. Johnston consisted of a single cash amount. Under the heading "Money in Hand or House," appeared a sum of £25,000 odd. Total assets were shown at nearly £48,000.

Miss Bernice Campbell, a member of the Australian Legation staff in Tokio, has returned to her home in this State. She left Australia in 1941 to act as confidential typist to Sir John Latham.

The death has occurred of Monte Murton, a former boxer, who was well-known throughout Australia. In Perth his most memorable contest was with Harry Stone. Murton died in a military hospital. He served in the last war and was with the R.A.N. in this war.

QUEENSLAND

At New Farm on December 15, the Governor (Sir Leslie Wilson) will open the new Girls' Friendly Society Hostel. This will add to the numerous hostels and service clubs already at the disposal of service girls in the State.

Following the wounding with a knife of William George Dundas, 49, an Australian soldier, in a train near Lawnton, an American soldier has been detained.

If Brisbane householders adopt the plan for house sharing by the Deputy Director of War Organisation of Industry (Mr. Clark) the Brisbane City Council will reap a rich harvest. Householders have already been notified that they must pay 6d. a room a year (including kitchens and bathrooms), with a minimum accommodation fee of 5/-, if they make such accommodation available.

The Queensland Trades Union has decided that the minimum compensation paid to an adult worker who has been injured, should not be less than the prevailing basic wage.

A customary member of the congregation of the St. Luke's Church of England, Herston, is a tawny, striped tiger-cat called "Mandarin." His brother, "Marmalade," was also a regular attendant until he passed on. "Mandarin" also attends Sunday school.

VICTORIA

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones, of Ballarat, now have their whole family of four sons and one daughter doing war work. A few years ago they lost their eldest daughter, Elva Jones, when the airliner in which she was hostess crashed in Victoria.

When a woman was fined £10 at the Fitzroy Court for having maliciously broken a fire alarm, the Chief Fire Officer said heavier penalties had been given recently and malicious calls had dropped by more than 500.

Since June, 1940, the sale of waste products in Victoria has yielded £35,000 to the Red Cross.

Mr. Justice Starke, in the High Court, reserved judgment in the action in which the Adelaide company of Jehovah's Witnesses is seeking a perpetual injunction against the Commonwealth Government restraining it from trespassing on its headquarters in Adelaide.

Frederick Francis Green, who was found guilty of murder in the Melbourne Criminal Court a few days ago, has lodged an appeal against his conviction and sentence.

Double-headed and half-sized matches, which have been suggested in the interests of economy, are not practicable, according to authorities in Melbourne. Machinery could not be adapted to take smaller sizes, and the machinery that puts out match heads could not be adapted to live heads at both ends, they declare.

TASMANIA

One of the most disastrous fires in Tasmania for years destroyed a large part of the premises of L. W. Smith Pty. Ltd., wool-scourers and skin merchants, at Launceston. The damage amounted to many thousands of pounds. Much of the plant and machinery destroyed is probably irreplaceable at present.

OBJECT TO BARE FEET

LAUNCESTON shoe traders object to customers entering their shops and trying on shoes and boots in their bare feet.

Mr. R. W. Winspear, secretary of the Launceston Shoe Section of the Retail Traders' Association of Tasmania, said that if a ban was not enforced, shops would have stocks of shop-soiled shoes which would not command proper prices. In some cases customers were being asked to provide sockettes and in others tissue paper was being issued.

While a Geelong farmer was ill for six weeks with measles, rabbits multiplied so rapidly on his farm that he was summoned before the court and in spite of his measles plea was fined £2.

Each public school boy will probably cut one to one and a half tons of firewood a day, the Chairman of the Victorian Forests Commission said yesterday. If 400 boys were obtained for firewood camps through the Christmas holidays, they would turn out about 11,000 tons.

Items From U.S. Sources

OAK LEAF CLUSTER FOR CAPT. D. CASPER

Previously decorated with two silver stars for gallantry in action, Capt. Kenneth D. Casper was awarded an Oak Leaf cluster yesterday for his part in smashing the Japanese invasion fleet in the battle of Milne Bay.

Despite fierce anti-aircraft fire, Capt. Casper dropped his bombs on warships trying to land troops from only 2,500 feet.

Major General G. C. Kenney, commanding Allied Air Forces in the S.W.P.A., also decorated First Lt. I. B. Donaldson with an Oak Cluster Donaldson, who had already received a silver star, attacked a formation of 15 Japanese Zeros in his Tomahawk over Darwin on June 14, shot one down in flames and scattered the rest.

Billy Debeck, creator of the comic strip, "Barney Google," and author of the phrases, "Jeepers Creepers," "Sweet Momma," and "Horse-Feathers," is dead, says a New York message.

U.S. warplane production would be doubled within a year, said Mr. Donald Nelson, chairman of War Production Board, yesterday. He predicted an annual output worth £10,000,000,000, Australian currency, which would be seven times the pre-war output of the entire U.S. automobile industry.

S.S. "Harry Bridges"?

Senator Ford has protested against a ship being named "Harry Bridges."

He said that the C.I.O. Longshoremen's Union had proposed the naming because of Bridges' assistance to the war effort.

In an article in the Congressional Record, Senator Ford charged that Bridges' activities had hurt the merchant marine and had prevented supplies from being sent to General MacArthur when in the Philippines.

ARMY v. NAVY FOOTBALL CLASH

Nation-wide interest is being taken in the big football game to be played between the Army and the Navy at Baltimore (U.S.A.) to-day.

Army men from the West Point Academy are expected to win because of greater strength in attack, but the Navy's defence is powerful and a hectic encounter is anticipated.

Wherever men of the services of the U.S. are located, keen interest is being taken in the result of the game.

AIR CHIEF MISSING

Brigadier-General A. N. Duncan, chief of U.S. air staff for the European theatre of operations, has been missing since November 17. His plane was forced down at sea off the northern coast of France.

Nazis Rush New Defences In Greece

Hoarders Cause Coin Shortage

Despite the arrival of huge consignments from the mints of the southern States and West Australia, Brisbane bank officials are worried over the continued shortage of silver and copper coins.

The shortage—caused by hoarding—is threatening Christmas trade.

Bank officials declared yesterday that people who hoarded coins were doing great disservice to their country. Coins were pouring out of the banks but were not returning in satisfactory quantity for normal trading.

A National Security regulation has been framed prohibiting the receipt of a premium for Australian coin.

The Federal Treasurer (Mr. Chifley) has appealed to citizens to help the Government by taking advantage of the first opportunity to pay all coin into the banks, or of having it changed for notes.

He also appealed to parents to return children's money boxes to the banks immediately they were reasonably full.

NAVY CASUALTIES

U.S. Navy Dept. announces that the naval casualties sustained during the Solomons sea battles from November 1-16 were 737 dead, wounded and missing. U.S. Navy casualties since Pearl Harbour were 17,250.

The Final Judgment

BISHOP BURGMANN, of Goulburn (N.S.W.), in his final Moorhouse lecture in St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, said God and history would judge Christendom and Russia, not by their professions but by their actions. There was reason to believe that Soviet Russia would be one of the significant spots on the earth for a long time to come.

GENERALS IN JAP. HANDS

The Tokio official radio has announced to-day that Lieut.-General A. E. Percival (formerly G.O.C., Malaya), Lieut.-General Wainwright (formerly second in command to General Douglas MacArthur, of the U.S.A. forces in the Philippines), Sir Shenton Thomas (formerly Governor and Commander-in-Chief Straits Settlements and High Commissioner for the Malay States), Sir Mark Young (formerly Governor and Commander-in-Chief Hong Kong), and other Allied officers are quartered in a war prison camp in Formosa.

Oran Agents Caught

It is reported in the Egyptian press that American and French patrols rounded up 52 agents in Oran, Sidi and other outlying towns.

The raids were made to prevent sabotage and unrest from being created by suspects who were believed to be transmitting military information. The suspects were detained on Sunday under orders of the American authorities.

HITLER MAY HAVE REVISED STRATEGY

THE Nazis are flying great numbers of troops and labourers into Southern Greece. They have begun digging in for defence, evidently in anticipation of an attack in the not distant future.

Definite information has been received by military authorities in Washington of this latest activity of the Germans.

DREAM HOME THAT BECAME NIGHTMARE

When Mrs. J. Bartlett won the Red Cross "Dream Home," at Beauty Point, New South Wales, she won Australian-wide congratulations.

Now she has offered the "Dream Home" for sale. Mrs. Bartlett explained that being on her own and looking after the place was too much for her. "My nerves are frayed with worry," she said.

After Mrs. Bartlett won the magnificently appointed house, police had to be called in to cope with the public rush to view the house and gardens. Some people trampled over flower beds, crushing shrubs, forcing their way in and generally causing trouble.

The home is now closed and shuttered. Another dream has been shattered.

Pilfering on the railways has reached alarming proportions in Australia. Losses are worth about £10,000. Goods stolen are those for which coupons are needed.

IT is regarded as the first and most tangible evidence that Hitler is rapidly shifting his strategy from offensive to defensive in the east Mediterranean—in all probability the next major theatre of war.

Hitler's unexpected reverses in Africa and Russia are credited with forcing him to revise his whole plan of operation.

Until the Allied forces landed in West Africa, the Nazis were firm in the belief that Rommel could hold out for an indefinite period. The fact that forces are pouring into Greece from the Balkans and that Nazi reserves in Europe are being transported entirely by plane, without the usual equipment, tanks, or heavy artillery, bolsters up the view that Nazi tactics have undergone a change.

It is assumed that if this move marked the initial stages of a new drive into the Middle East or south the normal weapons for such warfare would accompany the troops.

As the result of this outlook there is understood to be lessening tension in Turkey and bordering States, which have been apprehensive that Hitler, in desperation, might be compelled to strike out on a great offensive through Turkey or Syria for the Mosul oilfields in Iraq.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM WORLD OF SPORT

26 In W'stown Cup Run Today

The Williamstown Cup of a mile and a half will be run at Flemington to-day. The Williamstown course itself has not been available for racing since 1940.

TRUE Flight is to start and his usual jockey, E. Preston, will be replaced by V. Hartney, who is riding better than ever.

Jack Fryer is satisfied with the way Skipton has shaped since his disappointing effort in the Melbourne Cup and will start him and the stable's standby, El Golea.

Solid support is expected on the course for Sir Romeo. He has worked well.

Caulfield cup form as far as Tranquil Star and Heart's Desire are concerned has worked well. El Golea was third to them and he will come up fresh against a lot of weary horses. A Flemington specialist in Sir Romeo comes under the same category.

It is more than probable that the Jugo-Slav jockey, Tommy Unkovich,

will ride Phocion, as Armfield is required for the Cantala winner, Queen Baccha—one of the most improved gallopers in Melbourne.

Latest market order is: Phocion; Colonus; True Flight, Dark Felt; Tranquil Star, Skipton, Gusher, Sir Romeo; Heart's Desire, Portfolio, Queen Baccha, Illyrian, Throttle; Pandect, El Golea, Spearman; Hestia, New Warrior; Maikai, Burrabil, Koorenbeen, Similar, Son of Aurous; Gay Revelry, Gay Invader, Wanganui.

FINAL ACCEPTORS

Tranquil Star 9.7, Skipton 9.2, Pandect 8.11, El Golea 8.10, True Flight 8.9, Maikai 8.6, Burrabil 8.4, Sir Romeo 8.4, Dark Felt 8.3, Colonus 8.1, Gusher 7.13, Spearman 7.12, Heart's Desire 7.10, Koorenbeen 7.8, Portfolio 7.8, Queen Baccha 7.8, Hestia 7.7., Similar 7.5, Son of Aurous 7.5, Throttle 7.4, Gay Revelry 7.0, New Warrior 6.12, Phocion 6.12, Gay Invader 6.10, Wanganui 6.10, Illyrian 6.7. Prairiedale and Hathersage were balloted out.

Promising S.A. Junior Athlete

Rex Wood put up a good performance at the Western District Athletic Club's meeting at West Park, Adelaide, to win the half-mile handicap from scratch in junior club record time of 2 mins. 13 3-10 secs. He won by 15 yards.

Les Olsen, who is establishing a record for consistent performances, won the one-mile handicap walk, off 8 secs.

Brunswick Sportsman Killed in Action

Advice has been received in Melbourne of the death of Sapper Jack Mitchell, 38, who was killed in action while serving with the A.I.F.

He played football and cricket with East Brunswick. A brother, Percy, is secretary of the Fitzroy League Football Club. Two younger brothers, Jim, 34, and Fred, 30, are on service overseas.

BRADMAN MAY PLAY AGAIN

DON BRADMAN, famous Test player, will be invited to lead the "Rest" against the Combined Services' XI in a match at Sydney Cricket Ground on Boxing Day. The game is being sponsored by the Sydney Lord Mayor's War and Patriotic Fund.

O'Reilly has taken the lead in the bowling averages in Sydney cricket for the first time this season. His average of 8.6 is slightly better than Chilvers' who has taken 11 more wickets. Sid Barnes improved his batting average to 174 with 80 not out in the last series. The next highest in the batting average is Morris (St. George).

Bill Pearson, the St. Kilda all-rounder and cricket captain, has been accepted for the R.A.A.F. and released from a reserved job.

First Story of Benghazi's Capture

C.C.C. May Continue After War

A FORECAST that Civil Constructional Corps would be one of the major instruments for organising the community to deal with the problems of peace after the war was made by the Allied Works Council Assistant Director of Personnel (Mr. G. C. Remington) last night.

"It is essential to have such an institution as the Civil Constructional Corps not only to wage war, but to win the peace," said Mr. Remington, addressing the Queensland Trade Unions' Congress.

"We must have a method of organising labour after the war, and we must have the mechanism set up before peace comes. The part to be played by the organised trade unions of Australia is vital to the existence of the Civil Constructional Corps."

ALLIES MAKE STEP-BY-STEP ADVANCE AT BUNA: AIR FORCE ACTIVE

27 YEARS R.S.L. PRESIDENT

FOR the 27th year in succession, Sir Gilbert Dyett has been re-elected Federal President of the R.S.S.I.L.A. He was opposed by Mr. G. W. Holland, Victorian State President, but won by nine votes to four.

Mr. Holland was supported by the Victorian and N.S.W. delegates, and Sir Gilbert Dyett by the remaining States.

Sir Gilbert Dyett is secretary of the Victorian Trotting and Racing Association.

CHEEKY THIEVES STRIP TREES

An orchardist at Warrandyte has reported to the Melbourne police that during the night thieves raided his orchard and stripped 36 cherry trees of about 360lbs. of cherries.

Police found marks showing that a motor vehicle had backed up to the fence and that the cherries had been placed in cases and packed on the truck.

NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

John Campbell Condon was acquitted at Broken Hill on a charge of having murdered Frank Evers, a German, at Avoca Station, near Wentworth, on March 23. This was his second trial.

In the first, the jury failed to agree.

Part of Condon's defence was that he shot Evers to protect himself. Evers had attacked Condon, who had demanded that he withdraw pro-Axis insults.

FOUND

Spectacle Case (empty) near Burns, Philp. Owner please apply to the office of the Commander, Port Sub-Area.

ALLIED progress in the Buna area is described officially as a "step-by-step advance." The enemy is resisting stubbornly from strongly organised positions, but allied units are surely if slowly hemming him in along an ever-narrowing coastal strip.

Americans advancing along the Garua-Buna Mission track were counter-attacked by a Japanese force yesterday. After a sharp engagement, the enemy was repulsed with heavy casualties.

Local engagements were reported from other parts of the Buna area.

The principal centres of Japanese resistance are between Cape Endiaderre (about 2½ miles from Buna) and the Buna air strip, in the village itself, along the approach to Sanananda, and at a point about 250 yards from Gona.

Despite most unfavorable weather, Allied bombers continued their operations in support of the ground forces yesterday. American Marauders (B26's) attacked positions in the Buna area at half hourly intervals for five hours.

Medium bombers attacked the aerodrome dispersal areas and installations at Lae.

Yesterday's early morning raid on Port Moresby (No. 90) caused neither casualties nor damage.

EX-SOLDIERS ENTER POLITICS

An Ex-servicemen's Party will contest the next Federal elections in Queensland. Probably five or six candidates will be nominated.

The political platform will include the defence of Australia by maintaining a standing army, navy and air force.

The party will also advocate the removal of repatriation anomalies and a more liberal old-age pension scheme providing for payment from the age of 56.

CITY EMPTY WHEN ALLIES SWEEP UP

THE first men who swept into Benghazi rounded up 150 Germans and Italians, freed two New Zealanders, two South Africans, and several hundred Indians and South African negroes, who had been prisoners, and raced on again in pursuit of the enemy.

BENGHAZI died ingloriously. Almost furtively, the enemy crept away amid the taunts of the men who were their prisoners and the open jibes of Italian-hating Arabs.

Before they went on, the freed prisoners said that the main evacuation had been completed five or six days before the Allies entered. The Germans and Italians stripped it of everything moveable and destroyed everything they had to leave behind.

Benghazi landing grounds were littered with wrecked Italian fighters. More had been packed, as if on a junk heap, in hangars, many of which, in their turn, had been stove in by bombs and riddled with bullets, too.

In the streets, starving dogs were proof of the completeness with which the enemy had stripped the town. Along the waterfront the cathedral reared its two domes into the sky and cast its shadow over the famous mole, now but a heap of rubble.

Germans and Italians, who belonged mainly to engineers' units, had stayed to do demolition work in the harbour area. All lighters and cranes had either been removed or destroyed. Some wharves, however, could still be used.

£3,774,193 FOR THEATRE SEATS

An all-time record for Australian theatre takings has been established by Hoyt's Theatres Ltd.

Arranged in support of the £100,000,000 war loan, a preview organised by the company in each State capital raised £3,774,193. Seats were reserved by the purchase of war bonds.

The Sydney Regent topped the list of subscriptions, closely followed by the Melbourne Regent.

The result was better than any similar show in London or New York, and it was like a Hollywood first night with soldiers and nurses sitting in seats worth hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Answers To Correspondents

Lieut. C. Rylands,—Good idea. Will adopt when larger Sunday edition is published, probably a few weeks hence.

Private W. A. Satch,—Can give programmes but not locations. Will make further inquiries.

ESCAPEES CAUSE MANPOWER PROBLEM

N.S.W. police are concerned at the manpower wastage caused by tracing escapees from Gosford Boys' Farm Home.

More than 300 boys have escaped this year, including 21 last week. It is estimated that at least 2,000 man hours have been spent this year in tracing Gosford escapees.

1500 Workers--1123 Wharf Accidents

During a Brisbane Coroner's Court inquest into the death of Robert Francis Edgar, a waterside worker, it was revealed that there were 1,500 men on the waterfront last year and there had been 1,123 accidents.

Edgar was injured at the Newstead Wharf on August 26, when a life saving raft, two tons in weight, fell on him. His death occurred next day.

Appearing for the widow and the Waterside Workers' Federation, Mr. J. F. Ruddy, solicitor, said that someone in authority should issue a warning urging greater care on the waterfront, particularly on the working side of ships.

He alleged that there were frequent complaints about gear being left unleashed.

Sgt. E. Pilkington said that if workers had any complaints they could approach the court.