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NOT FOR SALE.

GERMANS USING GLIDERS TO REINFORCE ARMY IN TUNISIA BATTLE AREA

AXIS strength in Tunisia is increasing. Gliders, protected by fighters, are reported to have landed reinforcements. There is growing evidence to show that Hitler is making frantic efforts to prevent the capture of Tunis and Bizerta by the Allies.

A communique from Allied Headquarters reports fighting in Nedjez-el-Bad, which the British First Army captured a fortnight ago. Two columns of enemy tanks, supported by infantry, launched attacks in this area on Thursday afternoon. One came from the north along the west bank of the Nedjeida River. Our forces immediately counter attacked and destroyed a number of tanks.

THE other column came within 3000 yards of Nedjez-el-Bad, but was engaged by our artillery and fighter planes. French forces took part in this action. We lost several tanks, but enemy losses were considerably higher.

There is no fresh operational news from Libya. Godfrey Talbot, in a dispatch to the B.B.C., describes the German defences at El Agheila as "naturally strong—a good deal stronger than the Axis positions at El Alamein."

His dispatch adds:—"There are airfields and good defensive country behind. During the last fortnight the enemy has been working feverishly to strengthen his positions with mines, gun emplacements, and strong points.

"Life has been made unpleasant for Rommel's men by our constant air and naval attacks on his supply lines.

"There is a good deal of liveliness in the air over the desert."

PETROL FRAUDS

TO prevent attempts to receive petrol ration tickets with forged documents, the Liquid Fuel Control Board has decided that all applicants for rations must submit their identity cards at post offices and board issuing offices.

Recently, in a suburban office, a man applied for tickets, but disappeared when he noticed that his papers were being examined. His licence was a counterfeit.

Waistcoat Ban May Be Lifted

ALTHOUGH no official announcement was made on Thursday by the Department of War Organisation of Industry, the ban on the making of men's waistcoats may be lifted soon.

The making of waistcoats was prohibited by an order issued by the Minister (Mr. Dedman) several months ago.

NO BEEFLISS DAYS FOR AUSTRALIA YET

It has been announced officially that the proposal for beeffless days in Australia will remain in abeyance until the Meat Commission has an opportunity to see what demands will be made on the industry for supplies for the services.

ENEMY DEAD COUNTED AT GONA NOW NUMBER 638

THE extent of the Japanese defeat at Gona is becoming more evident as Allied troops count the enemy dead. To-day's communique from General MacArthur's headquarters states that, so far, 638 enemy troops killed in the final stages of the Gona battle have been buried.

"**O**UR patrols destroyed a party of enemy refugees west of Gona," the communique adds. "In other sectors there has been only desultory fighting."

NEW DETAILS OF FIRST RAID ON DARWIN

DETAILS not previously disclosed of the first Jap. air attack on Darwin last February, are now revealed in the new Christmas Book of the Australian Army at home and overseas, "Soldiering On."

Story Of R.A.A.F. To Be Published

THE story of the R.A.A.F. since the beginning of the war would be published about Christmas time, the Minister for Air (Mr. Drakeford) said yesterday.

The book would be called "These Eagles," and would give a concise account of the R.A.A.F. in action on many fronts. Consisting of about 200 pages, it had been compiled by the R.A.A.F. Directorate of Public Relations. This would be the first attempt to record the R.A.A.F.'s part in this war.

WAR SUMMARY

NEW GUINEA.—638 Japanese dead and buried at Gona.

RUSSIA.—German reinforcements slow Russian advance towards vital Viazma-Smolensk railway.

NORTH AFRICA.—Airborne reinforcements increase Axis strength in Tunisia.

ITALY.—Raids halve industrial production. Disorders reported in Southern Italy.

A CONVOY of Australian ships—escorted by a cruiser and other warships—which had been going to Timor, was ordered back to Darwin, where it arrived on February 18.

Next day, while the ships were anchored in the harbor, a large Japanese air fleet came over.

Fighter aircraft, which endeavoured to take off, were picked off by Zeros, which had advantage of height, and once all Allied air resistance was crushed, the raiders had the harbor at their mercy.

The American destroyer, "Peary," struggled to free her moorings while two Australian corvettes steamed back and forth and around the harbor, zig-zagging. One after another the remaining ships were sunk.

Fought To The End

Blazing oil from a tanker spread over the water, adding to the holocaust. Men were drowned because they could not swim in the heavy oil, and were burnt because they could not escape from the flames.

With guns blazing, the "Peary" fought an uneven battle, and when at last she sank, two-thirds of her complement went down with her. But it was a heroic episode.

Japanese dive-bombers also concentrated on the civil airport nearby and on the R.A.A.F. aerodrome.

"Both our Air Force and the enemy's were active over the field yesterday. Heavy tropical rains are rendering all operations difficult."

Yesterday's air operations included raids on Lae and Salamaua aerodromes.

News In Brief From The Mainland

NEW SOUTH WALES

COMMENTING on the increase of venereal disease in New South Wales, the director of the Hygiene Division of the Health Department (Dr. J. Cooper Booth), said that the State would finish 1942 with at least 1000 more notifiable cases than last year, in which there were 5000 cases.

A surprising thing was the number of nice girls from good families who had been sources of infection, he said. November's figures looked like being an all time peak. Eighty per cent. of the reported cases came from "quite nice girls who had been indiscreet."

THE first person to take out a policy with the new Government Life Insurance Office was the Premier (Mr. W. J. McKell). No. 2 policy was taken out by Mr. Macdonald, Independent member for Mosman.

POLICE have issued a warning to motor-cyclists that their machines must carry a white line on each side of their mudguards. Many breaches have been committed and prosecutions have followed.

HENRY JOSEPH ELLIOTT, 52, was convicted at Central Summons Court, Sydney, of having failed to continue work as directed, while a member of the Civil Constructional Corps. Mr. McCulloch, S.M., found that Elliott had no authority to evade duty, and ordered him to enter into his own recognisance of £10 to comply with the provisions of the National Security Regulations while a member of the C.C.C.

£50 A FORTNIGHT

RAILWAYMEN were earning up to £50 a fortnight, but to do so were working such excessive hours that they were collapsing at work, said Mr. T. Moroney (for the Combined Railway Unions) in the Industrial Court.

Mr. Moroney was opposing an application by the Railway Commissioner for a variation of the railway award (State) to provide for the suspension of annual leave until after the war, or for pay in lieu of leave. Decision was reserved.

Waverley is still unbeaten in this season's Sydney Grade cricket competition. It easily defeated Glebe in the last round.

A decrease in net profit is disclosed in the report of the directors of Automatic Totalisators, Limited. The profit for the year is £7,724, compared with £13,364 for the previous year.

Read "Guinea Gold"—Then Pass It On

VICTORIA

THERE will be little road travel in Victoria this Christmas. State administration will conform to the Commonwealth's policy that holiday traffic should be curtailed and that people should "stay put" in their homes for an Austerity Christmas and be available to carry on their ordinary duties.

AUSTRALIAN newspapers must expect further drastic reduction in size unless there is a radical change for the better in the shipping position, said the chairman of directors of the Melbourne Herald and Weekly Times Ltd. (Sir Keith Murdoch).

Troops May Send Xmas Telegrams

CHRISTMAS and New Year telegrams are banned in Australia under National Security Regulations issued at Canberra.

However, telegrams sent to or lodged by members of the fighting forces are exempt from the regulations. In New Guinea, immediate lodgment is urged.

TO mark his 50th year as player and curator, Carlton Cricket Club tendered Tom Warner a smoke social and testimonial in the pavilion last night.

DOUGLAS BLACKWELL, married, of Victoria, and member of the Civil Constructional Corps, was struck by a piece of blue metal while sitting in his tent on October 9. He died on October 13.

An inquest into his death revealed that blasting operations were in progress at a quarry 250 yards away, and a rent in the fly and tent indicated where the blue metal had entered.

There is every prospect of hospital nurses receiving a substantial Christmas present in the shape of a new determination on wages and conditions.

Extraordinary Scenes At Beer Sale In Canberra: 650 doz. Sold

ONE hundred and fifty dozen bottles of beer were sold in the first hour after the Hotel Ainslie, Canberra, opened for business in its clearing sale before closing as a hotel. The building is now a hostel for female Government employees.

The morning's supplies were rapidly exhausted, but another 500 dozen bottles, comprising the bulk of the hotel's December beer quota, were hurried from the railway and were on sale at 4 p.m.

There were extraordinary scenes when bottled beer was available for the first time for more than a month. The first customers were waiting outside the hotel at 8 a.m.—an hour before the bar opened. Crowds rushed the bar throughout the morning.

Buyers arrived in cars and trucks, riding on bicycles and bal-

QUEENSLAND

ARMY men are helping with the rush at post offices every second Thursday when dependents of the fighting forces receive their military allotments.

Forty-four men and A.W.A.S. were sent from the District Finance Office last Thursday to metropolitan post offices, when, as well as handling present allotments, staffs were faced with the extra problem of issuing new allottees' certificates.

HEAVY bookings by Christmas and New Year holiday makers are reported from the principal seaside resorts. In Maroochydore and several other localities accommodation is already unobtainable. Despite restrictions, a highly successful holiday issuing new certificates.

A DENIAL that he intended entering Federal politics has been given by the Lord Mayor of Brisbane (Alderman Chandler). It was rumored that he contemplated contesting the Brisbane seat.

WITH the approach of the holiday season, Brisbane is experiencing a shortage of voluntary help for service clubs and hostels for the forces. Increased enlistments of younger women in the auxiliary services have added to the problem.

A GIFT of £500 has been given to the Queensland Red Cross by the Catholic United Services Auxiliary. The cheque was handed to the Governor (Sir Leslie Wilson) by Archbishop Duhig, after an inspection of the hostel, dining, and recreation rooms on Thursday.

Benjamin William Russell, Esplanade, Wynnum, was committed for trial by Mr. A. E. Aitken, S.M., on a charge of having committed a serious offence against a girl under 17. Bail was allowed, self in £25 and one surety of £25. The girl, aged 16, in evidence admitted that she was a consenting party.

ancing suit-cases on the handle bars, and carrying bags and pushing perambulators.

As a gesture to the occasion the swinging doors of the bar were propped open while supplies lasted by two full dozen cartons of beer.

One unexpected effect of the rush was the fact that a small branch of the Commonwealth Savings Bank temporarily ran out of money during the morning, and had to send urgently for money for persons withdrawing to participate in the rush.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

THE Wartime Prohibition Council has protested against the appeal of the West Australian Parliament to the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) for the extension of the trading hours from 6 o'clock to 7.

AFTER conducting an inquiry into the death of Algernon Cecil Butler (50), of North Perth, the Acting-Coroner (Mr. G. V. Purdus, J.P.) found that the deceased died at his home on November 11 by hanging, which was self-inflicted. Butler had been in ill-health for the past 12 months.

While Alice Teresa Brown (26), married of North Perth, was backing a cart out of Kuring's bakery in Bulwer Street, where she was employed as a breadcarter, the vehicle collided with a tram. She was thrown to the road and sustained fractured ribs.

Mrs. Stella Louise Lawler, (26), whose husband is abroad with the A.I.F. was killed and Eric Chamberlain, railway employee, was injured when the heavy timbers of a swing at Beek's Pool, Marraconda, collapsed.

EXPORT OF BEER RESTRICTED

A CUSTOMS proclamation issued in Australia prohibits the export of beer except with the Ministers consent. The Minister (Senator Keane) said the prohibition was made because of the prospective malt shortage which might make it impossible to produce the quantity of beer required under existing quotas.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

FACED with the possible loss of facilities for heavy lifts, South Australian Harbors' Board engineers have improvised an unusual traverser crane from scrap metal and an old locomotive crane.

How this austerity crane was constructed was described by the Minister for Marine (Mr. McIntosh). It cost £9,000, but a new crane of similar type would cost between £40,000 and £50,000.

TASMANIA

TWO soldiers were killed and another man was injured when the car in which they were travelling overturned in the Queens Domain, Hobart. Those killed were Capt. Eric William Henry Clark (28), of Glebe, Hobart, and Sgt. Cecil Henry Batt (36), of Kingston Beach. Frederick George Harrison, of Trevallyn, Launceston, the other passenger in the car, was admitted to hospital suffering from shock.

THE Hobart Turf Club is distributing £415 in stakes at its Christmas meeting on December 19.

MILITIA SCHEME IN BALANCE

QUEENSLAND EXECUTIVE REJECTS PROPOSAL TO EXTEND FIELD OF ACTION

THE plan to extend the Militia's sphere of activities in the South-Western Pacific area, is in the balance.

Queensland A.L.P. Central Executive, on Friday night, joined Victoria in opposition to the plan. South Australia, Tasmania and New South Wales have voted in favour of it.

SHOULD Western Australia vote with Queensland and Victoria, voting will be even, and the effect will be to negative the proposal.

In the House of Representatives yesterday, an amendment by Mr. Blackburn, Victorian Independent Labor Party member, that the House should oppose any form of compulsory service outside Australia and Commonwealth Territory was rejected.

Mr. Blackburn moved his amendment to a motion by the Prime Minister that his statement on the war situation should be printed.

Parliament adjourned until January 27.

Tasmania Executive's motion approving the proposal also expressed the opinion that any member of the C.M.F. who desired to transfer to the A.I.F. should be assisted to do so, that every youth, on attaining military age, should be encouraged to join the A.I.F. before being compulsorily enlisted into the C.M.F., and that where a preponderance of members of a C.M.F. unit desired to transfer as a unit to the A.I.F., facilities for such transfer should be provided.

CONCENTRATION CAMPS FOR GERMAN TROOPS

THE Stockholm correspondent of the "New York Times" says that the number of concentration camps in Northern Norway for German soldiers deserting in Finland or refusing to go to the Eastern front is rapidly increasing.

According to reliable information, the morale of the Germans in Norway is low. They realise that Germany has lost the war, and fear Norwegian fury.

More than 2000 German soldiers are at present held in Norwegian concentration camps. Furthermore, a recent bell ship bearing 1000 Norwegian Jews to Poland carried many chained German officers and men.

Gestapo agents are active in all parts of the country.

Christmas Carols

MEN interested in singing Christmas carols are invited to attend practice on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 1900 hours in St. John's Church (on the hill), Port Moresby. First practice, at which programme will be discussed, will be held this evening.

Australian Company Aids U.K. Food Plan

Substantial increases in manufacture and sale of agricultural machinery have resulted from Britain's "Back to the Land" policy. The policy aims at augmenting food supplies.

More than 15,000 agricultural machines and implements have been purchased by the British Ministry of Agriculture since 1940.

Sunshine Harvester Co. Ltd. was recently formed into an incorporated company within the United Kingdom by H. W. McKay and Massey-Harris Ltd., of Melbourne, to establish a continuity of sales of agricultural equipment.

Minister For Justice Becomes Barrister

THE New South Wales Minister for Justice (Mr. Downing) has passed his final examination for admission as a barrister.

He began the four-years' law course when he was secretary of the Textile Workers' Union.

Earl Harewood Leads English Freemasons

The Earl of Harewood has been unanimously elected Grand Master of English Freemasonry in succession to the Duke of Kent. This is the first time for many years that a member of the Royal Family has not held the office. The Earl of Harewood had been Pro-Grand Master since 1925.

Dedman's Dizzy Decisions Cause Consternation

ACTIVITIES by the War Organisation of Industry Department are causing the Government to lose support, it is felt by some members of the Cabinet and Labor Caucus.

Restrictions by the Minister (Mr. Derman) on domestic servant labor are likely to lead to a request for a review of the department.

FEELING is that the department is not materially helping the war effort, but causing great dissatisfaction among all sections of the public.

While the man-power authorities can order any household employee to take up other work, some Ministers

Ferrier To Become U.S.A. Citizen

JIM FERRIER, the Australian golfer who is in America, said on Friday that he had taken a war job and was not planning to participate in any of the winter golf tournaments.

Ferrier said he was working in the new Chrysler aeroplane engine factory nine hours a day for six days a week, adding: "There's no time for golf in a schedule like that."

Ferrier does not intend to return to Australia. "I regard this as my home now. I plan to take out citizenship papers as soon as possible," he declared.

He does not believe that he is subject to call-up in Australia, but has registered for draft here.

37 MENTAL PATIENTS DIE IN GHASTLY OTAGO FIRE

In a tragic fire at Seacliff Mental Hospital, Otago, N.Z., during the week, 37 female patients lost their lives by suffocation.

RACE CONTROL BY DIRECTORS

A Bill to convert proprietary race clubs to a non-proprietary basis provides for the creation of the Metropolitan or Sydney Turf Club, with a directorate of 12 members.

HIS body will control racing in the metropolitan area. The Chief Secretary (Mr. Baddeley) will introduce the Bill into Parliament after it has received the approval of the Cabinet and the State Parliamentary Labor Party.

Members of the proposed club will not be permitted to draw dividends, and their only remuneration will be out-of-pocket expenses. All profits will be used to promote legitimate racing, and increase prize money.

The new club will be required to determine by December 30, 1943, which of Rosehill, Moorefield, Rosebery, Canterbury, Victoria Park, or Ascot courses will be required for racing.

P.O.W. PARCELS POOLED

Australian Red Cross sends 6000 prisoner of war parcels each week to the British Empire pool at Geneva.

Red Cross officials said this when answering complaints by Australian prisoners of war that they would receive no food, clothing, or other amenities if it were not for the British and Canadian Red Cross.

They added that national Red Cross Societies provided parcels and goods in proportion to the number of men from their countries held prisoner.

Australia's 6000 parcels formed only a small parcel of the 190,000 sent from the pool each week, and probably those from Australia would not be received by Australians.

THE fire was the most ghastly in the history of New Zealand. There have been other tragedies, notably from explosions in coal mines, but this one stands out in its sad, grim character.

THE outbreak occurred in a wing for female patients and spread with such rapidity that it was impossible for the staff and attendants to take rescue measures.

The patients who lost their lives were all in a class which had no chance of recovery from mental disorders. Only two escaped by a window.

The victims were believed to have all suffocated, but the bodies so far recovered were unrecognisable.

Cause of the fire is a mystery. There were no fireplaces in the ward and no electric radiators as the building was steam-heated. The ward was electrically lighted. There was a kitchen and a dining room in the building, as well as single rooms and a dormitory.

One theory is that since there have been earth movements in the Seacliff district for many years, there may have been a crossing of wires in the electric lighting installation.

High Percentage Of Russian Wounded Return To Battle

DURING the first year of the war in Russia, 70 per cent. of the Soviet soldiers wounded returned to the ranks after discharge from hospital, according to the Moscow radio.

This is attributed to the excellent work of the doctors and nurses in the front line, where, when necessary, intricate operations and blood transfusions are carried out on the spot.

ITALIAN PRODUCTION HALVED

W.A.A.F.'S NOT GLAMOUR GIRLS

"The W.A.A.F. is no popinjay parade of glamour girls, but an army of Australia's daughters keen to help their country in its hour of need," said the Minister for Air (Mr. Drakeford) on Friday.

DURING his recent 7500 miles' inspection of R.A.A.F. stations, Mr. Drakeford said he had seen members of the W.A.A.F. on active duty at air force stations near large towns, and also close to hamlets.

Everywhere officers and men of the R.A.A.F. praised the good job they were doing for Australia, he said. At one station W.A.A.F.'s had dug a vegetable garden in their leisure hours, and had grown a substantial portion of the vegetables consumed by R.A.A.F. personnel there.

Priests And Nuns Killed By Japanese

FATHER ALBERT DE THEYE, a missionary in Southern Gaudalcanal, relates that two priests—Fathers Dulamel, an American, and Oudenolink, a Dutchman—and two Alsatian nuns, were bayoneted to death because they refused to enter the American lines and tell General van de Grift to surrender.

The message they were ordered to deliver was: "It is useless to resist the Japanese; they are too strong. You cannot win, and should leave Guadalcanal."

Father de Theye learned of the atrocity from Sister Edmee, a French nun, who became ill and was permitted to remain at the mission. She later escaped into the jungle.

R.A.F.'S. HAMMERING SMASHES FACTORIES

R.A.F. raids have reduced Italian industrial capacity by half, according to reports reaching the Swiss frontier. Last week Turin turned out only 10 per cent. of its normal production of aircraft.

THIS was due to the flight of thousands of war workers from the city as well as the terrific damage inflicted in the raids.

As the Pope was leaving St. Peters after a service during the week, 100,000 people greeted him with cries of "Long live Peace."

Fascist circles bitterly criticised the people, but the press has no word of blame for them.

Serious disorders are reported from a number of towns in Southern Italy.

R.A.F. bombers were again over Turin on Friday night, but bad weather marred the raid. Results could not be observed.

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES IN NEW GUINEA AREA

In his review of the progress of the war on Friday, the Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) announced that Australian army battle casualties in New Guinea, excluding Rabaul, to December were 2,181.

Of these 640 were killed in action or died from wounds. The figures did not include those suffering from sickness.

RUSSIAN DRIVE SLOWS DOWN: LENINGRAD GAINS

THE Central front is still the scene of the main struggle in Russia. Fortunes are fluctuating. Correspondents agree that Soviet troops are still making local advances, but say that the weight of German reinforcements has slowed down, if not held, our Allies' progress towards the vital Viazma-Smolensk railway.

IN the Don-Volga sector swirling snowstorms are hampering operations. In Stalingrad itself, the Russians have successfully attacked enemy blockhouses in the factory area. In the southern outskirts of the city they are reducing enemy resistance.

"The Germans need transport planes in North Africa, and are losing them in Russia faster than their factories can turn them out," said Walter Kerr, of the Columbia Broadcasting System, broadcasting from Moscow to America.

Experience of last winter had shown that a light tank was unable to operate in snow 12 inches deep; medium tanks could not operate in snow deeper than 18 inches.

This year Soviet tanks and motorised guns were being fitted with skis, and these had set the Germans a new problem which they had not yet solved.

Their greatest problem, however, still was transport planes to supply food and ammunition to their trapped armies.

BOY REBUKED, SUICIDES

Scolded by his grandmother for allowing a pet parrot to escape from its cage, Barry, aged 13, the adopted son of Billy Gilbert, the film comedian, shot himself dead on Wednesday.

He left a note saying: "Tell mother and father I am grateful for all they did for me. I did this because grandma did not believe me."

Died For Science

A message from Boston states that the Executive Council has approved a posthumous pardon of Arthur S. T. Germain (27), a convict at Norfolk State Prison. In submitting the pardon Governor Saltonstall said:

"Germain, with full knowledge and understanding of the possible dangers and risks involved, voluntarily submitted to a vitally important research test involving the possible saving of thousands of lives, not only on the battlefield but among society itself. As Germain died that others might live, I hereby grant him a full and complete pardon for all offences."

DESTROY JAP AIR FORCE SAYS AMERICAN PILOT

GAOL FOR STOCKINGS THIEF IN MELBOURNE

Sending a man to gaol on a charge of theft, Mr. McLean, P.M., in the Melbourne City Court, said that the stealing of rationed goods was striking at the efficacy of the rationing system.

Frederick Ellis, 41, of Coburg, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment on a charge of having stolen women's stockings from a ship at North Wharf. Constable Gordon told the Court that he had seen Ellis carrying a kitbag in which were 18½ pairs of silk stockings, and that Ellis had another eight pairs of stockings wrapped round his body.

Australia Makes Mammoth Lathe

THE largest and most elaborate machine tool to be made in Australia, a 36-inch centre lathe to facilitate machining of large components required for ship engines, has just been completed in a Queensland workshop.

Completion of this lathe, which measures 50 feet between the centres, marks Queensland as the first State to assemble machine tools of sizes and types not previously undertaken by the engineering trade in this country.

More than 90 contractors from four States supplied parts ranging from small lubrication fittings to heavy castings. These were sent to Queensland for final assembly.

THE leader of the American Volunteer Group of airmen in China believes that the destruction of Japanese aviation should be the first step towards defeat of the Japanese nation.

GENERAL CHENNULT explained that the Japanese in China are now losing 10 planes for every one lost by the Allies. At this rate, he said, 500 American planes in China could destroy the effectiveness of the Japanese Air Force.

He had no doubt that Japanese aircraft were deteriorating. Japanese were good airmen but the engines of their planes were wearing.

Many of Japan's finest airmen had had only six months' experience.

Lost and Found

LOST.— Wallet containing pay book. Finder please return to "Guinea Gold." Reward.

LOST.— At Uberi—Large brown and black Airedale, answers to name of "Bonzo." Would anyone knowing whereabouts of this dog, please communicate with Editor, "Guinea Gold."

Lost.—Wrist watch ("Pierce" waterproof) in leather cover, near Hanua-bach, on December 2, and stainless steel watch, SX 17326 marked on back of case, in Town Area on December 6. Finders please communicate with "Guinea Gold."

WANTED KNOWN

Will the writer of "Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels" (Sapper Beros) or anyone knowing his whereabouts, please communicate with W.O.2 A. E. Warr, c/o "Guinea Gold"?

Would Dave Corbett, Ken Dickenson, Alvin Invil or Paul Delofski, or anyone knowing their whereabouts, please communicate with Bdr. Relf Henshaw, c/o "Guinea Gold."

Housing Russian Staff Is Puzzle

OFFICERS of the Department of the Interior are at their wits' ends trying to cope with the ever-growing influx of people to Canberra.

Latest poser for them is to find housing and other accommodation for the members and staffs of the Russian Legation expected soon.

The latest uncertain estimate is that the total, including children, coming from Russia, will be between 10 and 50 persons.