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NOT FOR SALE.

RELENTLESS AIR OFFENSIVE AGAINST AXIS FORCE WEST OF EL AGHEILA

Eyes On Burma

ADVANCED elements of the British Eighth Army are harassing the rear-guard of the enemy forces retreating from the El Agheila region westward along the Mediterranean coast towards Tripoli.

THIS time Rommel has managed to disperse his transports, but this has not saved it from attacks by Allied planes. Our fighter-bombers made an air record for this area on Sunday by carrying out nearly 300 sorties against the retreating enemy. They were out again at dawn on Monday to continue their relentless pounding.

IT is now clear that the Axis forces have been compelled to abandon all El Agheila positions. Our troops are moving forward into an area into which the Allies have never penetrated before in either of the Libyan campaigns.

Allied air support has been one of the main factors in forcing the retreat. All last week, Allied planes hammered landing grounds, transport and troop concentrations.

The Luftwaffe was forced to fall back at Nofilia, 90 miles to the west, and enemy troops at El Agheila and Mersa Brega were left almost without cover.

No major land engagement was fought. Rommel's retreat appears to be a tactical defeat rather than a defeat in battle.

His positions were rendered untenable as Allied patrols cut into them, and as Allied forces developed their outflanking movement at the southern end of the line.

As Rommel retreats westward, the two North African theatres are gradually merging into one, with the Allies fighting along two elongated lines of communication.

Allies Consolidating In Tunisia

IN Tunisia, Allied forces are consolidating in strength before a forward line which now runs from Mateur to a point 10 miles west of Nedjez-el-Bab. Land fighting is limited to patrol activity and artillery duels.

The latest Allied Headquarters communique reports the destruction by artillery of an enemy motor convoy near Nedjez-el-Bab.

Allied bombers on Sunday attacked Bizerta and Tunis. Medium bombers raided Sousse and Sfax, while Lightning fighters attacked ground targets in the southern area.

French guerillas blew up an Axis troop train between Sfax and Sousse, and then machine gunned the wreck. Only 18 out of 300 troops escaped.

Moresby Raid 93

PORT Moresby area had its 93rd. air raid on Monday night. A single aircraft came over and dropped bombs but neither casualties nor damage were caused.

U.S. Call-Up Ratio

THE Director of U.S. Manpower, Mr. V. S. McNutt, predicts that instead of the present ratio of one in nine, every fifth man in civilian work will be called up in 1943, and that women must fill 30 per cent. of all war jobs. There is no call-ups for women in U.S.A. yet, but this policy may have to be reviewed.

Administration Of Madagascar

BRITAIN has handed over the civil administration of Madagascar to the Fighting French.

The Fighting French High Commissioner (General Le Gentilhomme) will take over and reorganize the French military forces to enable them to take the largest possible share in the defence of the island.

Ex-Kaiser's Son Dead

PRINCE EITEL FRIEDRICH, second son of the late Kaiser Wilhelm II, who died recently, was aged 59.

Like his brothers he associated himself with the Nazis before Hitler came to power. Later he had himself placed on the Storm Troop reserve.

NAZIS ROUND UP JEWS AND REDS IN SOFIA

WAR NEGLECT OF CHILDREN

WAR pre-occupation was resulting in a neglect of child life, said Dr. C. V. Watson-Brown, of the R.A.A.F., addressing the Queensland branch of the Constitutional Club recently.

Dr. Watson-Brown said it would be a tragedy to permit the tremendous advantages of education, mental, physical and psychological, for children to be neglected and forgotten because of the war.



General Wavell

THERE is speculation overseas regarding the possibility of an Allied offensive against Burma under the direction of General Sir Archibald Wavell.

United Nations strength in India has been increasing steadily in recent months and General Wavell himself has stated unequivocally that Burma will be re-taken.

Over the western border of Burma, in the Chinese province of Yunnan, Chinese troops are active. They are reported to have turned back a Japanese force after heavy fighting.

PROCLAIMING a state of emergency, then carrying out a house-to-house search, Nazi police at Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, have arrested 500 Jews and Communists, including 50 ringleaders, according to Berlin Radio.

A Communist who allegedly landed by parachute and was being hidden by a student, resisted the police, who fired, wounding him seriously in the head. The student was arrested.

During the state of emergency, inhabitants were ordered not to leave their houses. All traffic and telephonic communications were suspended. Troops patrolled the streets.

Australian Highlights and Brevities

NEW SOUTH WALES

CAPTAIN J. R. PATRICK, has been appointed to the Shipping Control Board.

SERIOUS shortage of cutlery at city Services canteens is being further aggravated by the souveniring of the few remaining knives and spoons by some patrons. In order to stem the cutlery leakage at the Women's All Services Canteen, tea-spoons are now chained to the counters.

THE Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) has been asked by the Newcastle Association not to make broadcasts on matters of importance on Sundays. If Sunday broadcasts are unavoidable, Mr. Curtin will be asked to see that they are not made during regular church hours.

THE first training school in New South Wales of the Australian Women's Army Service has been opened by the G.O.C. Lines of Communication, Eastern Area, Major-General A. C. Fawcett, at the A.W.A.S. School, Killara. In future, all N.C.O.'s. will go through a training school.

More Tea, But No Extra Beer

A SPECIAL Christmas tea ration has been announced by the Minister for Trade and Customs (Senator Keane). Beginning this week and ending on January 10, every holder of a ration book will be able to buy 1lb. of tea instead of the usual ½lb.

Senator Keane has refused to sanction the release of additional supplies of beer.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

THE resignation of Miss Annette Oldfield, of Perth, First-Officer of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service, has been received and confirmed by the Minister for the Navy, Mr. Makin.

First-Officer Oldfield is at present seriously ill in hospital. Her appointment was announced on November 12. She has just completed a tour of several States. Mr. Makin has declined to comment on the reasons for the resignation.

FOR having during November and December, 1941, contravened the National Security (Prices) Regulations by paying for declared goods, a total of 8 dozen 4-bushel bags acquired from Leslie Greenberg, a greater price than the maximum price then fixed for the sale of bags, J. and W. Bateman, Ltd. was fined a total of £4, with £3/14/6 costs, by Mr. W. J. Wallwork, SM., in the Perth Police Court.

QUEENSLAND

A first instalment of £1000, the result of a drive for medical aid to China, collected during "China week," will be sent to Madame Chiang Kai-Shek through Dr. Hsu Mo, the Minister for China, at Canberra. One of the outstanding gifts has come from Chinese sailors in the merchant navy. They have donated £104.



Madame Chiang Kai-Shek

AN unusual application—to have a set of finger prints destroyed—was made in the Brisbane Police Court, when Dorothy Isabel Gaddes, 40, lessee of the Imperial Wine Saloon, Valley, was found not guilty of having been in possession of goods suspected of having been stolen.

Mr. A. E. Aitkin, S.M., found that people found not guilty could apply to have the finger prints and photographs destroyed in their presence. He advised Gaddes to apply to have them so destroyed.

EMPLOYEES of Walkers Ltd., with the exception of the Moulders' Union, has decided, by secret ballot, to take 18 days' holiday at Christmas, instead of 11. The voting was 672 to 113, with 45 informal.

The decision is in contravention of the arrangement entered into by the various unions, the Metal Trades Employers' Association, and the Commonwealth Government, which provided for the closure of works for 11 days.

SHARKPROOF swimming enclosure at Sandgate, which has not been shark proof for many months, will soon be safe to bathe in again. Material to mend the protective steel net has been obtained and is now being woven. Repairs will be completed in time for the crowds at Christmas to swim in safety.

DEPUTY Taxation Commissioner has ruled that gifts to the Mission to Seaman are not allowable as a deduction for income tax purposes. The Mission to Seaman was not classified as a public benevolent institution, he told the Taxpayers' Association of Queensland.

QUEENSLAND Police Force urgently requires recruits to bring it to the strength needed. Its wartime duties have thrown additional strain on the Force. Police Commissioner has said that new recruits were not plentiful. Since the war, the force has been increased by some hundreds of men, but many more were needed.

VICTORIA

ROBERT MACKENZIE REID, of Stanmore, Middlesex, former chairman of Robert Reid and Co. Ltd., and Buckley and Nunn Ltd., Melbourne, left £92,000.

A NOTHER sign of the times! Port Melbourne Council will instal five more drinking troughs, and will renovate four existing ones. In recent years, horse traffic had decreased so greatly that the Council had demolished 16 troughs.

WHEN a flat-bottomed sailing boat capsized off Brighton Beach, William Kevin Wylie, 17, of Laburnum Street, Brighton, and Jack Worcester, 14, of Albert Street, Brighton, clung to the boat for one and a half hours before they were rescued by a motor boat.

USUALLY held on New Year's Day, the Pakenham Picnic races will this year be held on Boxing Day. It will be the first meeting at Pakenham since mid-week racing was banned.

WHEN police were called to a house at Grafton Street, Elsternwick (Melb.) they found Private T. S. Connor, 41, with a severe wound in his throat and slashes on his arm and ear. He was admitted to Heidelberg military hospital. Detective Hill, of Brighton C.I.B., was assigned to make inquiries.

Many N.E.S. Resignations In Sydney Since Sept.

SINCE September 1 there have been 554 resignations from the City of Sydney National Emergency Services, and 521 members have been struck off the register because they have not attended exercises for 12 months.

The Chief City Warden, Mr. Pickford, in giving these figures yesterday, said that enrolments now totalled 606.

Of the resignations, 76 per cent. were due to man-power call-ups.

MRS. HELEN MAXWELL, an Elwood estate agent, has decided to stand for Federal Parliament. Her planks will be housing, health and education. She is a widow, an experienced public speaker and widely travelled.

RECENTLY installed two-way radio communication between Melbourne Fire Brigade Headquarters and Fire fighting vehicles was put into use effectively for the first time when firemen made good saves in factories at Collingwood and Fitzroy. While they were fighting the fire at Collingwood, Chief Officer Kemp was told by radio of another serious outbreak at Fitzroy. Equipment and men were detached immediately.

Read "Guinea Gold"—Then Pass It On

Sydney Socialites In Divorce Case

IN the Sydney Divorce Court last week, a decree nisi was granted by Mr. Justice Edwards to Mrs. Evelyn Jane Crossing, of Bellevue Hill and Bowral, for dissolution of her marriage with William Sparke Crossing, on the ground of his adultery with Mrs. Leslie Heath.

Mrs. Heath is a daughter of the Chairman of the Commonwealth Bank Board (Sir Claude Reading). Crossing, is an administrative officer in the R.A.A.F. All the parties are well-known in Sydney social circles.

TASMANIA

"WAR cannot be won by man alone, and just as women are working to-day in munitions, on farms, and in uniform, so they must have a place in the work of reconstruction after the war," said Dame Enid Lyons, addressing a meeting arranged by the Servicemen's Parents and Wives' Association in Hobart Town Hall.

CROP prospects are deteriorating because of the dry weather, according to reports received by Mr. J. Hiscock, general secretary of the Tasmanian Producers' Organisation, and what promised a month ago to be a bountiful season is likely to become a poor one unless rain is plentiful within the next week or two.

WHEN the motor cycle he was riding crashed into a tram in Wellington Street, Lindsay Brooks, 17, of York Street, Launceston, suffered injuries from which he died a few hours later.

THE death occurred recently of Mr. R. J. Murdoch, who up till the time of his retirement in 1935, had been general manager of Hobart Savings Bank for 26 years.

"WHILE it is advisable and perhaps necessary for the Federal Government to have specified rights to lay a basis for post-war reconstruction, to take away the rights of the States without consulting the people is against the fundamental principles of democracy," said Mrs. O. M. Calvert, secretary of the Women's Non-Party League, at a league meeting at Hobart a few days ago. She commended the suggestion of the Premier (Mr. Cosgrove) that the powers should be given for no longer than five to seven years after the war.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SOUTH Australian war factories are so short of women workers that women in N.S.W. and other States except Victoria, will probably be asked to volunteer for munition work there, the Director General of Manpower (Mr. Wurth) said recently.

Bankers Urge Check On Spending

Quiet In Solomons

SOME bombing attacks on airfields at Munda, in New Georgia, are reported in the latest American communique on the Solomons. Patrol activity continues on Guadalcanal.

MORE WINE FOR AUSTRALIA?

THE Minister for Commerce, Mr. Scully, and the Minister for Trade and Customs, Senator Keane, are expected to discuss soon the possibility of releasing more Australian wine to the public.

Mr. Scully said yesterday that this would help brighten the future of the industry, which was in difficulties now because of the elimination of overseas markets.

At the end of June there were 16,000,000 gallons of wine in bond. Wine consumption had not been cut as had other liquors.

MELVYN DOUGLAS IN ARMY

THE film actor, Melvyn Douglas, has been sworn into the army as a private and assigned to duty at Fort Myer, Virginia.

The appointment of Douglas to the Office of Civilian Defence last spring aroused a storm of Congressional protest. Douglas was secretly engaged in planning entertainment for the armed forces.

PATIENTS SCARED BY "BOMBING"

DISCIPLINARY action against Air Force pilots who frighten patients in the Canberra Community Hospital by "dive bombing" is being demanded by the medical superintendent (Dr. L. W. Nott).

He said on Monday that some women had almost collapsed with fright on hearing aeroplanes power-diving over the hospital.

Dr. Nott, who is chairman of the A.C.T. Advisory Council, said the Council had repeatedly complained about the practice.

Complaints by the Advisory Council have been sent to the Minister for Air (Mr. Drakeford).

TO FIGHT FOR TITLE

HOCKEY BENNELL, recognised by Leichhardt Stadium as the welterweight champion, and Bill Fadden will fight for the title on December 17.

The pair have met only twice this year at Leichhardt. They fought a draw in April, but in October Bennell gained a decision on points. The latter contest was a disappointing spectacle.

AGE RESTRICTIONS TO LIMIT FIELDS

NO horses under three years or over seven will be allowed to race at the next Moonee Valley Club's meeting.

The committee takes the view that metropolitan programmes are causing too much trouble because of the large number of entries.

It is probable that other clubs may have to take action also to prevent the flooding of entries caused in some instances by the nomination of old horses, some of which have never won a race.

GRAND PRODIGE IS NOW VILLIERS FANCY

FOLLOWING his second to Martheus in the Dundas Handicap at Rosehill on Saturday, Grand Prodigie has come into favour for the Villiers Stakes, to be run at Randwick on Saturday.

GRAND PRODIGE is the Queensland colt who made the running until the final two furlongs of the A.J.C. Derby a few weeks ago, and he seems to have improved.

Those impressed by Grand Prodigie's form probably have in mind also that the Villiers, which is run over a mile, has proved a good race for three year-olds.

Rimveil won in 1940, and Yaralla last year. Grand Prodigie, on from, is not in the same class as either Rimveil or Yaralla, but he doesn't have to carry as much weight as they did, his 7.9 being 7lb less than Rimveil carried, and 8lb less than Yaralla had.

It was hoped that Bangster, another three-year-old, would be a runner in the Villiers Stakes, but his owner has decided to keep him for races over shorter distances.

Bangster was Sydney's best two-year-old last season, winning the Breeders' Plate and Champagne Stakes. He made his reappearance after a good spell at Newcastle recently, and showed that he had retained his great speed by winning a six furlong race against strong opposition in easy style.

Riverton is to be a runner in the Villiers, and probably W. Cook will be his rider. Riverton has been a great disappointment to date, but has shown improvement in his track form recently, and some expect him to be hard to defeat in Saturday's race.

Another Win For Kindergarten

Kindergarten, crack New Zealand galloper, is still winning important races. Last week he carried a big weight and cantered home with the Canterbury Cup. Only two horses opposed him.

New Zealand racegoers consider Kindergarten the best horse that has ever raced in the Dominion.

CURTIN HEARS OF INFLATION FEARS

BECAUSE millions of pounds are being accumulated by Australians in Savings Bank deposits, War Savings Certificates and short term War Loan Bonds, the Commonwealth Bank Board fears inflation after the war, unless control is intensified to check excessive spending when the savings become available.

THIS point was raised by Board members at a conference with the Prime Minister on Monday.

Additional controls were proposed by the Board with the dual object of ensuring the continued diversion of spending power into national channels, and equitable sharing of the decreasing output of essential commodities.

Army Rugby Players In Demand In Sydney

NORTH Sydney Rugby League Club have made offers to Herb Narvo and Dick Johnson for the 1943 season.

As they are in the Services, they are regarded as country players, and can choose their grade clubs.

Narvo did not play football last year, concentrating on boxing.

Several weeks ago he said he would like another grade season.

Narvo played one season with Newtown before visiting England with the 1938 Kangaroos.

Johnson has already received offers from Western Suburbs and Balmain.

South Sydney also have hopes of getting him.

GREAT SPORTSMAN PASSES

To the late George Langford, president of the A.A.A.U., vice-president and life member of St. Stephens Harriers, Victoria, athletics was more than a sport—it was life itself.

He was a man of amazingly wide interests, but outside his home, business and church, athletics claimed most of his time.

In his graduation from hurdler, cross-country runner, secretary and delegate, to the office he held at the time of his death, George Langford became versed in all the rules and workings of his chosen sport. This knowledge equipped him for the position of referee for the V.A.A.A., a position he also filled at the Empire Games in Sydney in 1938.

The late Mr. Langford helped to make many amateur athletic champions.

HALF A MILLION GO TO THE DOGS EVERY WEEK

THE astonishing popularity of dog racing in Great Britain is revealed by an Australian correspondent in London. Quoting from the records of the National Greyhound Racing Association, he reveals that half a million people—50 per cent. of them women—attend dog meetings every Saturday.

AT the two main London tracks attendances of 20,000 are normal, he writes. It is the same at Stamford Bridge, owned by the famous Chelsea football club. Recently 40,000 crammed White City to see the rising "star," Laughing Lackey, down the reigning champion, Ballynenan Moon, by a short head, in a special match race.

The greyhound authorities keep the annual tote turnover a secret, but at a public inquiry a few years ago it was stated to be £40,000,000. It wouldn't be less now; probably it is more.

Bets of £1,000 on dogs are common, the correspondent adds.

The air crackles with Bank of England notes—hundreds, fifties, "ponies" and "scores."

But despite the great popularity of the dogs, the correspondent says it would be a mistake to think that they were grabbing the limelight from the horses.

"There is more money bet at each meeting at Newmarket, Salisbury (now Windsor) and Pontefract than on all the 150 weekly greyhound meetings put together," he writes.

Nazis Bring Up Reserves In Russia

SLIGHT ADVANCE IN ONE SECTOR, BUT RED ARMY HOLDS INITIATIVE

THE Red Army still holds the initiative on both the Central and Southern fronts in Russia. Fierce fighting is still going on around Kotelnikovo, on the Stalingrad-Kuban railway.

THERE the Germans are punching hard in a bid to ease the pressure on Von Hoth's positions, pressed between the Volga and the Don. The Germans have brought up reserves, and on Monday made a slight advance on one sector.

ON the central front on Monday, the Russians moved forward at a point west of Rjev after breaking up two German attacks and destroying 26 tanks.

Soviet troops are probing enemy positions at Voronezh which is roughly half-way between the central and southern fronts.

A Moscow communique says the Russians on Monday captured important heights in this area and killed 600 Germans.

Berlin has been talking much of late about big Russian armies massing behind the Voronezh front.

SOVIET LEADER

GENERAL GREGORY K. ZHUKOV, leader of Russia's army on the Central front, is described as bald, solemn, long-faced and hard-eyed, a man of great energy, a ruthless taskmaster and a hard driller of his men. Aged only 44, he is the son of a peasant.

General Zhukov, who is credited with planning the present great offensive north west of Moscow, is Vice-Commander for Defence, as the ranking deputy of Josef Stalin. Last year he commanded the Soviet forces defending Moscow, and led the Russian counter offensive on the Moscow front.

SUNSPOTS AS 'QUAKE'S CAUSE

THERE is a very definite relation between earthquakes on our planet and the absence of spots on the sun, according to Doctor Father Moreux, the French scientist-priest, who is chief astronomer of the Bourges Observatory.

His statement, based on studies on charts sent to him by the del Salto Observatory of Santiago di Chile, declared that under the action of the sun and the moon the solid crust of the earth swells and deflates, while electrons and ultra-violet rays from the sun ionize the atmosphere, increasing its electrical potentiality, thus causing the earth's crust to dilate and push aside masses of solid matter in the earth.

As soon as the sun's activity enters on the downward grade—and this is indicated by the lack of sun spots—we immediately have recrudescence of earthquakes.

"There are always more earthquakes when there are no spots on the sun," the statement added.

N.S.W. Teachers In Rural Work

IN N.S.W., 750 school teachers will be employed in rural work during the Xmas and New Year schools' vacations. At least 100 other teachers will be doing industrial work.

The secretary reported to the Council of the N.S.W. Teachers' Federation that he had already received appreciative letters about fine work being done by teachers in war factories.

Salt for Christmas

EFFORTS are being made by the publishers to make the Christmas number of Salt, the Australian Army journal, available to troops in the South-West Pacific area next week. Everything in it has been contributed by troops in Australia and New Guinea.

The items in this issue represent less than 10 per cent. of the number submitted. Suitable items not used this time may be included in subsequent issues.

Bob Lyons Tonight

BOB LYONS and his orchestra will give a concert to-night. Information regarding the location may be obtained on application to "Guinea Gold."

45 Years For Saboteur

Anthony Cramer, who was convicted on a charge of treasonably aiding Nazi saboteurs, has been sentenced to 45 years' imprisonment and fined 10,000 dollars, in New York.

AUSTRALIAN P's.O.W. IN FORMOSA AND KOREA

THE Australian Red Cross has received word that some prisoners of war, taken by the Japanese in Malaya, have been sent to internment camps in Formosa and Korea. Information has also been received that the first distribution of food, clothing and medical supplies has been made.

These comforts were sent to prisoners in the Far East by the International Red Cross Society.

It is thought that 80,000 letters, which went on an Exchange ship recently, have been delivered.

He Must Have Been Drunk

THE defence that he was very drunk when he claimed to be a German Gestapo agent, was made on behalf of Brian Pettit, radio officer of British Overseas Airways, when he was charged in Canada under Defence Regulations.

The court took into account the time Pettit had been in gaol, following his arrest and handed him over to the immigration authorities for deportation. No additional gaol sentence was imposed.

Evacuees Are Now Dinkum Aussies

LIFE in Australia has changed the accent of little evacuees sent to Australia from blitzed British towns two years ago. This was demonstrated a few days ago when the children had a Christmas talk with their parents 12,000 miles away.

Two years ago at a similar broadcast, thick Yorkshire, Cockney, Scottish and East Anglican voices were heard. Now the voices are Australian in tone and idiom.

Four boys and three girls, aged from 10 to 14, from Yorkshire and London, took part in the broadcast.

One of the boys cried when talking to his parents in Haawell (London).

HEAVY PRESSURE ON JAPS IN BUNA AREA

WHILE no spectacular developments were reported from the Buna area yesterday, our troops maintained heavy pressure in all sectors.

TO-DAY'S communique from General MacArthur's headquarters say that throughout yesterday, Allied air units continued incessant bombing and strafing attacks on remnants of the enemy landing force at the mouth of the Mambare River.

"The entire area is strewn with derelict barges, wreckages and enemy dead," the communique adds.

Over Gasmata, an Allied heavy bomber was attacked by 12 enemy fighters. Three were shot down and two others damaged in combat.

Heavy units bombed Lae and Gasmata aerodromes.

R.A.A.F. LECTURE

The R.A.A.F. Rehabilitation Section will inaugurate a series of weekly talks at Konedobu at 7.45 to-morrow evening. Flying Officer John Coote, who is arranging the series, said last night that the first lecture would be given by Mr. George H. Johnston, Australian war correspondent.

Malta Squadrons Bag 37 In A Month

Two Malta-based fighter-bomber squadrons last month shot down 37 Axis aircraft and destroyed or damaged 50 grounded planes.

Yachtsmen Give Great Service

THREE hundred and fifty Australian yachtsmen who entered the Royal Navy have won between them one George Cross, six George Medals, and three bars, three Distinguished Service Crosses, one O.B.E., one C.G.M., and two Distinguished Service Medals.

This list of honours is quoted by the The Times' naval writer in drawing attention to the award of the Distinguished Service Medal to Ordinary Seaman H. S. Cassidy, R.A.N.V.R.

"Australia is proud of her seamen, but may well be specially proud of her yachtsmen," adds the writer.

LOST & FOUND

LOST.—Silver wrist identity disc, mounted with small gold rising sun, inscribed J. A. Pearson. Finder please return to "Guinea Gold."

LOST.—Brown kit bag containing personal belongings bearing name of Lieut. J. Grant. Finder please return to "Guinea Gold."

If the owner of a haversack left in a 15-cwt van going to Sogeri Valley will contact "Guinea Gold," he will be told how to receive it.

LOST.—Box of personal equipment, including letters, photographs, etc. Finder please communicate with "Guinea Gold."

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

FOUND.—Hat, felt, marked J. Purnell. Owner apply "Guinea Gold."

L.A.C. C. Clarke of Murrumbidgee (N.S.W.) wishes to contact Gnr. Morris Nicholas.