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## BUNA STATION OCCUPIED BY AMERICAN FORCES

### ONLY ONE SMALL JAP POCKET NOW LEFT IN AREA

**B**UNA Government Station, often referred to as Buna Mission, was occupied by American troops yesterday. Mopping up of sniper posts in this area is proceeding.

At the same time Allied forces with tanks were clearing out the main Japanese opposition at Giropa Point, and south-east down to Sinemi Creek. The final pocket of Japanese resisting just south of Sinemi Creek was wiped out yesterday.

Twenty three of the enemy surrendered to Australian forces.

A number of Japanese, their way of escape cut off, attempted to swim to safety. Most of these were picked off by our ground troops and our strafing aircraft.

Japanese resistance in the Buna area is now confined to one pocket west of Giropa Creek. The enemy here holds about 400 yards of beach-head and his positions stretch inland for some distance.

General MacArthur's communique reporting the fighting stated: "On the right, our troops in general assault have broken the back of the enemy resistance, and are destroying his shattered forces."

### LAE AGAIN HEAVILY BOMBED

Another heavy attack on Lae is also reported in General MacArthur's communique. It states: "Our medium bombers and attack planes, with fighter escort, attacked the enemy airdrome at Lae. One thousand pound bombs were dropped on the runway, hangars, and dispersal bays, and the target area was heavily strafed, starting numerous fires."

Planes used in the attack were Marauder and Mitchell bombers, Beaufighters and Havocs (A20s) accompanied by Lockheed Lightnings.

The communique also reports that our medium units bombed the enemy occupied town area at Salamaua, starting fires in buildings.

### Axis Loses 10287 Planes

**S**INCE the outbreak of war the Axis Air Forces have lost 10287 aircraft to the R.A.F. and American Air Forces, whose losses number 7267 planes. Last year Axis losses totalled 5713 planes compared with the Allies' 3304.

The high Allied losses are accounted for by the change over from the defensive to the offensive.

In defending Britain last year the R.A.F. lost only 10 fighters, but attacks on German-occupied Europe cost nearly 2000 planes.

### Jap. Attack In Burma Fails

**I**N Burma on Wednesday night, clashes took place east and west of the Mayu river in the Arakan district.

A Chungking message says that Japanese troops landed under cover of a naval barrage from enemy warships north-east of Swatow. The Japanese drove inland towards Takeng, and fighting continued until Tuesday, when they were forced to retreat.

Chinese forces are now mopping up the remnants of the enemy landing party.

### Sea and Air Successes On Mediterranean Front

**T**HE lull in land fighting at both ends of the battle front in Tunisia and Tripoli continues, but in the air and at sea the Allies are keeping up their attacks.

On Wednesday night Allied bombers raided Candia aerodrome in Crete, and started at least 20 fires.

### R.A.F. OVER GERMANY

**T**HE R.A.F. was over Western Germany again on Thursday night, and mines were also laid in enemy waters. Two British bombers are missing.

These night raids followed wide daylight sweeps over France and Belgium. While the bombers attacked Germany, fighters maintained their attacks on railway communications in Northern France.

### WAR SUMMARY

**RUSSIA:**—In what they claim to be their greatest successes of the war, the Russians have recaptured Veliki Luki and Elista.

**NEW GUINEA:**—American troops occupy Buna Government Station. Only one small Japanese pocket in the Buna area now remains.

**NORTH AFRICA:**—Allies score heavily at sea and in the air.

**N**AVAL aircraft torpedoed an enemy ship off Sicily, and left it blazing.

Sfax in Eastern Tunisia is being bombed from both the east and west. On Wednesday, following raids by American planes, Allied aircraft flew over and added to the fires started in the docks and railway yards.

On Friday, hits were scored on the power station, warehouses and two other buildings.

### Enemy Ships Sunk

Two British submarines the same day sank two enemy merchantmen in the Gulf of Tunis. A destroyer, hit by another submarine near Bizerta, was also reported to have gone down. She was not seen again after the torpedo had struck her.

In Southern Tripolitania, Fighting French troops, pushing north across the Fezzan area, met and routed an enemy motorised column.

It has been announced in Cairo that 100 enemy planes were shot down in the Middle East and over Malta in December. Enemy aircraft losses in 1942 totalled 1784 against a little over 1100 planes lost by the R.A.F.

The U.S. War Department has announced that large quantities of food, clothing, fuel and medical supplies have arrived in North Africa to relieve an urgent need.

### NAZI WOMAN FARMERS

**N**AZI laws, which have necessitated small German farms passing from father to son, are now being amended to enable a farmer's daughter to take over the property on his death, says the Frankfurt newspaper, "Frankfurter Zeitung."

Reuter's Zurich (Switzerland) correspondent says that the change is attributed to the heavy death roll in the campaign in Russia, of young German peasants formerly in farming pursuits.

# Australian Highlights and Brevities

## VICTORIA

THERE were 810 trials and pleas of guilty in the Supreme Court and General Sessions Melbourne in 1942, compared with 778 in 1941, 814 in 1940, 974 in 1939, 1031 in 1931, 420 in 1918, and 592 in 1910.

Economics more than avarice, jealousy, malice and sheer brutality caused the most violent fluctuations in the barometer of crime, according to figures released by the Secretary of the Crown Law Department (Mr. C. F. Knight).

Crime reached its peak during the financial depression years.

### Soldier With 52 Inch Chest

PTE. PETER MOONEY, of Brisbane, an army recruit, has a 52-inch chest, and weighs 21 stone. A special uniform had to be made for him, but the army outsize in hat and boots fitted him. He was Supreme Court bailiff before joining the A.S.C. Mooney's eight brothers are in the services. Two of them are missing in Malaya.

VICTORIAN crime returns for the past year disclose an increase of petty thieving, and offences by juveniles, but a substantial reduction in serious crimes. The Chief Commissioner of Police (Mr. Duncan) said yesterday that since the innovation of the detective training school, the proportion of undetected crimes had diminished steadily. In the monthly averages there had been a 10 per cent. improvement in crime detection last year.

LOCH, with a population of only 130, raised more money per head of population for the Hundred Million Austerity Loan than any other Australian town. This Victorian hamlet raised more than £84 per capita, and it was the third occasion on which Loch headed loan averages.

FROM tomorrow one shilling will be charged for a shave by all members of the Victorian Master Hairdressers' Association. This is a rise of one penny and has been approved by the Prices Commissioner to meet a wage increase which became effective in August. Other charges are unchanged.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made by members of the R.A.F. in Melbourne to form a male choir for concert and broadcast performances. A selection of suitable voices has been made from officers and airmen, and practices have begun.

GIRLS of the Melbourne staff of the A.M.P. Society agreed early in the war to dispense with the giving of Christmas gifts among themselves and to give the money they would have spent to various children's organisations. In three years they have raised £166.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

ANOTHER disturbance involving military police and civilians occurred outside a hotel in Sydney on Tuesday afternoon, but in contrast with Monday's brawl at Bondi Junction it was very small.

A number of members of the Provost Corps entered the hotel and took into custody a soldier allegedly absent without leave. The soldier, when taken into the street, began to struggle and called for assistance.

Three civilians, said to be friends of the soldier, intervened and a crowd quickly gathered. Military police escorted the soldier and three civilians to a military truck and they were taken to Regent Street Police Station, where charges were made against them.

A SIMPLE service in St. Andrew's Cathedral, conducted by Archbishop Mowll, of Sydney, preceded the funeral of Miss Denise Rosemary Burch, 15-year-old victim of a shark attack at Bantry Bay, Middle Harbor. A second service took place later in the day at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium. Mrs. Burch and her daughter Pamela were the chief mourners at the services. One of the wreaths came from the Hong Kong Liaison Association.

THE Women's Employment Board decided that women employed as clerical assistants by Sydney County Council should be paid 85 per cent. of the male rate as from January 2, and that there should be no probationary period.

More than 100 women are doing mail sorting duties in New South Wales, and, under a ruling of the Women's Employment Board, they will receive male rates of pay and conditions.

A SPECIAL department may be created by the N.S.W. State Government early this year to deal with post-war reconstruction, and to assist the Commonwealth in its plans. The new schemes suggested include a large expenditure on slum clearance, housing, water conservation and irrigation, hydro-electric projects, and other public works.

DURING the Christmas holidays not one ship was held up in Sydney through inability to obtain crews. Last Christmas many ships were held up in port through lack of crews as it is customary for men to sign off for the holidays ashore. Shipping officials said on Friday that there was less difficulty in manning ships than before Japan entered the war.

A RECENT arrival in Sydney has solved the problem of finding a waterfront home at cheap rental. He and his wife are living afloat, having rented a pleasure boat.

AFTER they had had Christmas dinner and had received presents, five boys absconded from the Gosford Farm Home for Delinquent Children. Altogether more than 360 boys absconded from the home in 1942.

## TASMANIA

THE new Tasmanian Marriage Act began operating on January 1. It provides that seven days' notice of intention to marry is compulsory, but for persons desiring to marry between January 1 and 8, any arrangements under the existing law will be accepted as notice given under the Act.

THE total value of output of Tasmanian mineral production for 1941-42 was £3,466,000, compared with £3,783,000 for the previous year, representing a decrease of £267,000.

The number of men directly engaged in mining operations fell from 5921 to 5705 over the same period. This decline was due to enlistments and a diversion of labor to other war work. Increases were recorded in the output of copper, coal, red granite and silica. The output of tin in Tasmania for 1941-42 was 1215 tons.

REPATRIATION MINISTER (Mr. Frost), during his recent visit to Hobart, said that the scientific ability of Professor Leicester Macaulay, associated with the technical enterprise of Eric N. Waterworth, had resulted in the manufacture in Tasmania of optical munitions to a standard unexcelled even in Germany. It was one of the most valuable things ever accomplished in Australia, and this was freely acknowledged by the Commonwealth Government.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

AT the first Federal conference of the Demobilised Soldiers' Association, held in Adelaide, it was announced that the organisation was being extended to include sailors and airmen. Other additions embrace the Merchant Navy and Militia. The association intends to safeguard vigorously the interest of men honorably discharged from the services.

ADVICE has been received that Lieut. A. G. Pickering, of Linden Park, has been killed in action in New Guinea. When he enlisted in the A.I.F. more than two years ago he was secretary of the State Disabilities Committee.

He was 34. He joined the Statistical Office in 1925, and later transferred to the Treasury. He was a qualified accountant.

Earlier in the war he served in the Middle East.

IZZIE KHAN, 70, camel driver, of the Moslem Mosque, Little Gilbert Street, City, was committed for trial by Mr. Muirhead, P.M., in the Adelaide Police Court on a charge of having assaulted Sultan Mahomet, 87, pensioner, occasioning him actual bodily harm. Bail was allowed.

At a previous hearing evidence was given that Khan had attacked Mahomet with an axe handle and a knife, inflicting wounds to the head.

Mahomet told the court at the second hearing that he remembered nothing of the incident and did not know who had hit him.

## QUEENSLAND

SAMUEL SAUE, 25-year-old soldier, was severely injured when caught in the undercarriage of a railway truck near Cairns. Saue was standing against a shed when a piece of wood projecting from a truck struck him and dragged him under the truck. His right leg was amputated and his left arm fractured.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, 67, of Namboor, single, a farm hand, was drowned when attempting to cross a stream after a cloudburst on Tuesday evening.

VIVIAN CEDRIC SCHMIDT, 19, of Long Street, Hendra, died in the General Hospital, Brisbane, from a gunshot wound in the head. He was found by his parents in his room with a rifle beside him.

### Scotch Heather For Pioneers

HEATHER from the moors of Warhill, where Patrick Leslie the first settler on the Darling Downs learned to shoot, is to be distributed to pioneer families at Warwick (Q).

This heather was sent from Scotland by the late Sergeant Gunner B. M. Sims, who visited Warhill, an old country estate in Aberdeenshire, the present owner of which is Mr. W. Arbuthnot Leslie, great nephew of Patrick Leslie.

Mr. Arbuthnot Leslie, said Sgt. Sims in a letter which reached the Secretary of the Caledonian Society (Mr. B. T. Deconlay), last week, had expressed the wish that this heather should be distributed among members of pioneer families at Warwick.

Mr. Deconlay intends to carry out the wish.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ROAD fatalities in West Australia during 1942 were an all-time record.

Deaths from road accidents numbered 111, the highest monthly figure being 15 in July.

THE ban on civilian telegrams containing Christmas greetings did not prevent record West Australian traffic. For ten days prior to Christmas 75,000 telegrams were sent, and 60,000 received.

DURING the past year 149 Americans married West Australian women. Of these, 124 were sailors and the rest soldiers. The total of marriages for the year are likely to be a State record.

MR. K. DOUGLAS, manager of Winterbottom Motor Co. Ltd.; has been elected president of the Chamber of Automotive Industries of Western Australia.

# "GREATEST SUCCESSES YET"

## VELIKI LUKI AND ELISTA FALL IN RUSSIAN DRIVES

MOSCOW celebrated the New Year by announcing one of the Red Army's greatest successes yet—the recapture of Veliki Luki, and Elista.

Veliki Luki, a big German base 95 miles from the Latvian border was captured after a big battle. The Germans were given an opportunity to surrender, but refused to do so and were wiped out.

THE capture of Elista brings the advanced elements of one of Russia's four armies to the northern border of the Caucasus.

Soviet forces have taken more towns and villages on both banks of the Don, and on the Kaluk steppes.

Friday's Soviet communique specifically mentioned Tormosin, a district south-west of Stalingrad, and Chikola in the northern Caucasus.

The importance of the capture of Veliki Luki lies in the fact that it is an essential link in the Leningrad-Rjev, and Leningrad-Kiev railway systems.

## NAZI'S GLOOMY XMAS

THE Zurich correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the "Frankfurter Zeitung" in its Christmas leading article adopted an unprecedentedly serious tone.

The newspaper urged Germans to the greatest exertions and warned them that if they weakened, Germany was lost externally and delivered to a merciless destiny. Not only German life and the German State were threatened, but all the German soul.

The paper urgently appealed to those displaying indifference to remember that very great stakes were involved. "Only those believing firmly in a German victory can believe in the future of the German soul," it commented.

## Farm Machinery On Lease-Lend

PLANS are in hand to bring the depleted Rural Manpower Pool and the Farm Machinery Pool into closer relationship.

Because of the shortage of labor it is necessary, if production is to be maintained, that there should be a detailed survey in order that the proper balance can be struck.

The Director-General of Agriculture (Mr. Bulcock) is to confer with the U.S.A. Lease-Lend Mission to discuss whether certain machinery not manufactured in Australia can be made available to growers of special crops.

## POLITICAL PRISONERS RELEASED

President Roosevelt revealed yesterday that the majority of political prisoners in North Africa have been released since the Anglo-American occupation.

## NEW SYDNEY HOSTEL

A NINE-STORY building in Central Square in Sydney was taken over on Thursday by the Army as a hostel for servicemen on leave in Sydney. Work began on Friday on alterations, and the first batch of men will be accommodated in the building within two or three weeks.

The hostel will accommodate about 470 servicemen, and, in addition to sleeping accommodation, will contain an inquiry office, military pay office, snackbar, telephones, cloakroom, soda fountain, cigarette stand, and laundry collection centre. A restaurant will be established in the building and there will be ample accommodation for games, barber's shop, dry press and tailor's shop. The Australian Comforts Fund will control the hostel.

The hostel is the answer to complaints that some servicemen in Sydney were without accommodation at Christmas.

## Huge Jap Plane Losses In South-West Pacific

SIMULTANEOUSLY with the fall of Buna Government Station comes a special press release by the Allied Air Corps telling that to date in the South-west Pacific war zone, the Japanese Air Force has lost 723 planes destroyed, 250 probably destroyed, and 313 damaged, a total of 1,286.

THESE figures, the communique states, represent straight aerial combat results. They do not include ground strafing, unless confirmed by photograph, or machines lost through the normal hazards of aviation.

When all factors are taken into consideration, the total must be regarded as remarkably good.

One lone squadron of Australian-piloted Kittyhawks held the fort at Moresby from the middle of March to the end of April. Australian Catalinas and Hudsons were with them to stem the tide. They came American fighters and Australian fighter squadrons equipped with American aircraft. Heavy Japanese raids on Moresby and Darwin were beaten off, and, after that, with growing Allied strength and U.S. reinforcements, the war was carried to the enemy. That is a fact which gives

## MILITIA QUESTION

### A.L.P. DECISION TOMORROW

THE Federal conference of the Australian Labor Party will re-assemble in Melbourne tomorrow to decide the question of the use of the Militia in specified areas in the South-West Pacific.

The conference was adjourned early last month so that the State branches of the A.L.P. could reach decisions on the Prime Minister's Militia proposal. Since then four State A.L.P. executives—New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania—have decided to support Mr. Curtin's plan, and Victoria and Queensland have voted against it.

## FOOD SHORTAGE IN JAPAN

JAPAN is suffering from a most serious food shortage, according to travellers arriving at Chungking from Hong Kong, says the Chungking correspondent of British United Press.

Huge supplies of food are piling up at the docks at Hong Kong, it is stated, and cannot be sent to Japan because of her shortage of shipping.

Japanese who are leaving Hong Kong for Tokyo are taking with them large quantities of rice, tea, and sugar in their baggage. Food rationing in Japan is so strict, they admit, that practically nobody has enough to eat.

## A.I.F. FIGHTS ON IN GREECE

ARMED in many cases with rifles and machine guns captured from Italians, Australian soldiers are still fighting in Greece.

The Greek Government describes them as a formidable force. They are co-operating with Greek guerillas in three main areas of resistance on the mainland, as well as in Crete.

There are about 1,000 Australians as well as Britishers and New Zealanders on the mainland, a Greek Government spokesman has revealed.

Cut off when Greece was evacuated, the Australians retired into the mountains, from where they have since fought continually against Italian and German occupation forces.

### Contact With Serbs

They maintain contact with the Serbian partisan army in Yugoslavia, and with Albanian patriots, and are also in communication with the Greek Government by radio.

The principal area of opposition in which the Australians are fighting is in the Mount Olympus region, near Salonika. They are also fighting in Southern Greece, Thessaly, and Central Greece.

Information received by the Greek Government spokesman indicated that other Australians in areas where resistance had been suppressed were awaiting an opportunity to rejoin their comrades.

They have cached their arms and live in villages disguised as Greek peasants.

## NEW CHIEF OF FRENCH ARMY

GENERAL JUIN, 63, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of French forces in North Africa.

General Juin, a distinguished soldier, was Commander-in-Chief in French North Africa when the armistice was signed with Germany in 1940.

He succeeds General Giraud, who was recently appointed French High Commissioner in North Africa following the assassination of Admiral Darlan.

General Juin was apparently already functioning as Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in North Africa before the announcement that he had taken over that post.

## Battleship Struck Reef, Now Repaired

THE Secretray of the Navy (Colonel Knox) told a Press conference last week that an American battleship which struck an uncharted reef very early in the war had long since been repaired.

Reporters had questioned Colonel Knox about reports that a mishap to a battleship had occurred in the South Pacific.

Colonel Knox gave details of the time and place of the mishap.

## RED SHIELD SERVICE

A service will be held at the Red Shield House at 1000 hrs. this morning, and a sing-song will be held at 1930 hrs.

# WIDE-SPREAD AIR ATTACKS ON JAP. BASES

THE Allies have made wide-spread air attacks on Japanese bases from the Aleutians to the Solomons, and from Wake Island to Burma.

A Washington Navy communique says that a force of Mitchell medium bombers, escorted by Lightnings, attacked two enemy cargo ships in Kiska harbor on Wednesday. One of the four Japanese Zero float planes which intercepted was shot down.

Two of the Lightnings and one of the bombers did not return.

IN the Solomons, Marauders bombed the airfield at Munda, but results of this attack have not yet come in.

The attack on Wake Island, which lies about 2300 miles west of Hawaii, was announced in Honolulu yesterday. It took place the day before Christmas, when American bombers dropped 40 tons of bombs on the island.

These started huge fires, and the Japanese were so surprised that they put up only erratic A.A. fire. All the American planes returned.

A joint New Delhi communique announced on Friday that Blenheim bombers had made daylight raids on aerodromes at and near Shivebo, in Central Burma. They also attacked coastal shipping. At night Wellingtons again attacked Akyab.

Across the border, in Yunnan Province, the U.S. Air Force bombed a Japanese troop and supply concentration at Mengmao on the Upper Salween.

Airmen who took part in the attack state that this Japanese base was virtually blasted off the map. Two Zeros were shot down and another damaged.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPORT

BETTING sheets for the last four races contested by the Summer Cup winner, Amberspear, are to be examined by the A.J.C. stewards. This follows reports that a Sydney punter won huge sums on Amberspear in the first and fourth of these races, which he won easily. The inquiry has not been concluded.

ALTHOUGH Swansea is the winner of six N.S.W. 18-footers League races this season, she is not leading for the point score trophy. Swansea is second by one point to Top Weight, which has had only one win. The points are awarded for starts, placings and finishes.

THE N.S.W. State Diving Troupe chosen after tests at North Sydney Olympic Pool is:—

N. Kirsop (leader), J. Milan, J. Montgomery, D. Dale, J. Leafe, K. Stephenson, and P. Hallstrom.

IN the qualifying heat for the N.S.W. State championship at the Domain baths, Lieut. Geoffrey Valentine swam 110 yards, in 1.2 2-5, a remarkable effort in view of the fact that it was his first swim since his return from New Guinea.

## G-MEN'S CHIEF LEADS RAID

THE Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Mr. J. Edgar Hoover) personally led a large-scale F.B.I. night anti-gangster raid in which America's No. 1 gangsters, "Terrible Tuohy" and "Owl Banghart," were captured. Two other gangsters were killed.

## RECAPTURE OF ESCAPEES

LESS than 48 hours after they made their getaway from Whitenbah prison farm, Dean Lloyd Trevitt Hooper, 19, and Raymond Mervyn Cross, 26, were recaptured near Mulumlimby, N.S.W., by police.

While begging a meal from a man in a caravan about a mile from Mulumlimby, they were recaptured by three detectives and a black tracker.

NAVAL Flight Board Headquarters has announced that Ted Williams, American League triple batting crown winner, and team-mate Johnny Pesky, of the Red Sox, would start flight training at Amherst College shortly. Williams and Pesky will be naval air cadets with a group which includes first baseman Louis "Buddy" Grempp and pitcher John Sain, of the Braves; and Paul Kluck, a catcher with the Louisville farm team of the Red Sox.

WAR has affected American boxing. More than 50 per cent. of fight clubs have closed down. Professional and amateur boxers numbering 2000 including four world's champions, have entered the armed forces, according to Ring magazine, which names Ray Robinson, negro welterweight, as the out-standing boxer of the year.

PROFESSIONAL football is practically washed up for the season, but to-day Washington Redskins are to meet national all-stars at Philadelphia. A crowd of 30,000 is expected to swell the Seamen's Fund. In Blue Gray football South defeated North 24-0 at Montgomery, Montana.

## EDUCATION FOR WAR PRISONERS

THE Association of Accountants of Australia is collaborating with the Australian Red Cross to supply text-books to Australian prisoners of war who desire to continue their study of accountancy. A member of the association, who is a prisoner in Germany, has indicated his intention to conduct classes in accountancy among fellow members of his camp, and textbooks have been sent to him.

Arrangements are being made by the association not only for prisoners of war but for all its students on active service and in hospitals to sit for its examinations when possible, so that when the war ends they will be able to re-enter commercial life fully equipped with specialised knowledge.

## Mischief Charge Follows Home Guard's Raid Story

ERIC FRASER, 54-year-old Home Guard, who alleged that he had acted as tail-gunner in a Halifax in a recent raid on Duisburg, is to be charged with having made a statement likely to cause public mischief.

THE Air Ministry investigated Fraser's story, and stated that preliminary inquiries had not produced evidence supporting Fraser's statement.

In no way would anyone, except a trained air-gunner, be allowed to man a bomber turret on an operational flight, the Ministry added.

Fraser's workmates, however, believed the story. While the official inquiry was going on, the directors and staff of Fraser's firm were toasting him and presenting him with £25 "as a tribute by the company to

## Armless Man Does War Job

BORN armless, but now a fully competent fitter working in a West Midlands war factory, is Mr. Alfred Myers, of Wood End, near Lichfield, states a Daily Mirror message from London.

Mr. Myers, who for years toured the fair grounds as a wall-of-death rider, does all his work with his toes. He even eats and drinks and smokes with them. When he smokes he holds the cigarette between the second and third toes of his right foot.

"I think I have shown I can do anything in the fitting line," he said. "I have had no complaint about my work."

the courage and sensible quest for knowledge by a senior Home Guard to learn how aircraft take evasive action, under anti-aircraft fire."

## Shooting Claim

Fraser, in a "Daily Express" interview, claimed that, because he was attached to a Home Guard anti-aircraft unit, he wished to see for himself how planes took evasive action. Five fighters attacked his plane, and he returned the fire. He claimed hits, although handling a tail-gun for the first time in his life.

Fraser claimed that he returned to the airfield at 7.50 a.m., and reported for duty at his office at 9 a.m. He only mentioned the raid when the manager reproached him for having a "hangover" which, he asserted, was actually the result of air sickness.

The "Daily-Herald" says that Fraser has handed the Air Ministry a written confession, admitting that his story was an invention.

## LOST & FOUND

(Unless otherwise stated, replies c/o Guinea Gold.)

LOST.—Glasses in case, on water truck. Cpl. J. Emery.

LOST.—By 34082587 Technician Grade V Willie B. Ingram, Glass-text wallet, cont. £14/10/ in notes and identification card.

LOST.—Three months ago, shirt cont. wallet, paybook, personal effects, NX 4367 L/Cpl. McCartney.

LOST.—Ground sheet marked V.I.L.M. Town Area, New Year's Day.

## MISSING FRIENDS

(Unless otherwise stated, replies c/o Guinea Gold.)

W.O. Bill Bartlett and Pte. Val Faulkner both of Geelong are asked to contact L/Bdr. N. A. Kelly, Spring Street, Geelong.

QX 30427 Cpl. S. Browne would like to contact Eric S. Browne, R.A.A.F.

NX 79578 Cpl. L. C. Rosee wishes to contact W.O.I. Fred Rosee.

Pte. F. E. Cross would like to contact Dvr. J. Waddell.

## Erring Wives May Lose Pay

WIVES who "play up" during the absence of their soldier husbands are now the special subject of Army investigators.

The District Finance Office, which periodically scrutinises every allotment made by soldiers to ensure that they are not defrauded, also allots trained investigators to cases where men on active service complain that their wives have proved faithless and should not be entitled to draw portions of their husbands' pay.

Action is taken only when soldiers file complaints, and an Army order requires that conclusive evidence must be presented before the District Finance Officer can suspend payments.

An Army spokesman commented that, while watching the soldiers' interests, they also had to protect soldiers' dependents.

"Hundreds of soldiers have trouble with their wives and hundreds of wives have trouble with their husbands, who try to evade their responsibilities," he said.