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AT SEA

FRIDAY, March 23 1945.

CRIPPLING AIR BLOWS ON JAPANESE FLEET

THE chief Pacific event has been the American air attacks on the Japanese Fleet in its home bases.

In a crippling blow they damaged one, if not two battleships, two or three aircraft carriers, and 12 warships besides smashing ground installations.

With earlier attacks, the Americans destroyed 475 Jap planes on the southernmost island of Japan and damaged well over 100 more.

American losses were extremely light.

CAPITAL CAPTURED

IN the battle for the Philippines, Gen. MacArthur has captured the capital of Panay island.

ON Luzon, a line east of Manila has been broken.

RUSSIANS CLEAR WAY TO STETTIN

The Russians have cleared the way to Stettin by pushing the Germans out of their bridgehead across the river.

In East Prussia, Bransberg has been stormed and Russian guns now control the whole of the German pocket in this area.

SUNDAY SERVICES

in men's recreation room

10.30 Morning Service

11.00 Communion.

17.30 Song Service

In Starboard lounge:—

07.00 R.C. Service.

Tearing Enemy to Pieces

Massive air attacks against the bottlenecks of German transport in the Saar region are playing a major part in the Western offensive.

The American 3rd and 7th Armies have linked up and are tearing the enemy forces to pieces. The Germans have now only a 35 mile stretch of the Rhine across which they can escape.

Worms has fallen and Kaiserslautern and Mainz have been reached. Other forces have drawn level with Bonn.

The American bulge is now 40 miles deep and German resistance in places is crumbling rapidly.

American tanks passed through Ludwigshaven to reach the Rhine.

Every Second Day

As stated in our first issue, this is YOUR paper and we sincerely hope that all readers will take full advantage of the service it offers. Our only regret is that we cannot publish daily, but this is not practicable.

So far as the actual production is concerned, a considerable amount of work is entailed in handling the type—every single letter, full stop, comma, etc, is a separate unit. We feel, however, that the presentation of general news items every second day will be sufficient to keep all readers up-to-date with the world and the war and what's what aboard ship.

It is not possible on account of the limited supply of paper aboard to print sufficient papers so that every passenger as well as members of the ship's crew may receive a separate copy, but we have done the next best thing—one copy for every two men. Distribution is handled by group orderly rooms.

TONGARIRO RACES

MONDAY MARCH 26

Nominations are wanted for a shipboard race meeting to be held on Monday afternoon at 13.30 hrs. They are to be presented to the Armd Group Orderly Room (WO's lounge, starboard side) by 18.30 hrs. Friday.

Entrance for five races will be balloted for and the acceptance fee will be One Shilling.

Attractive stakes are available for winning horses, while betting facilities will be operated.

Fields will be published in Sunday's paper.

ENGINEERS CONTROL Clutha Flood Menace

Prompt action by Public Works Engineers has saved Kaitangata from further damage by the flooded Molyneux river. The experts are confident that they have overcome the threat to 20,000 acres of rich farm land which was inundated when the river broke through the protective bank below Stirling.

It was recognised that the problem was too great for local handling and the Minister of Public Works announced that his department had gained control. Their solution of the immediate difficulty was to make a cut in the river bank on the seaward side of a spot where the flood broke through, thus giving a quick outlet for the waters which had backed up over the surrounding flat lands and flooded a lower-lying portion of the coal-mining town of Kaitangata. This farm land together with the adjoining island of Inchclutha is recognised as one of the most valuable mixed farming areas in the Dominion.

The Molyneux, or Clutha river, has its source in the three lakes, Hawea, Wanaka and Wakatipu, which were at an unusually high level when heavy rains fell in the mountains causing the worst flood for 25 years. Below Balclutha the river separates into two branches which enclose a large area of alluvial lands and this is bordered on the eastern side by a large area of drained and reclaimed land extending between Stirling and Kaitangata and running for some miles northwards towards Milton. All this region was affected by the flood and at best, heavy losses of crops must be expected.

CALLING ALL KIWIS!

A considerable amount of lost property is held in the ship's Orderly Room.

Efforts are being made to arrange boxing bouts. Training is held on the boat deck at 0600 hours daily.

A Dunedin motor and general engineering firm requires several experienced tradesmen. Those interested may obtain further particulars from ERS Office, Cabin 111.

Those who have not received a copy of "Service-men to Civilian" may collect one from ERS Library, Troop's Recreation Room.

Jordan Visits Troops in Italy and M.E.

The High Commissioner in London, Mr. W. J. Jordan, is at present visiting New Zealanders in the Mediterranean theatre.

Accompanied by Major General Kippenberger, D.S.O. he landed at Naples, and after visiting a NZ hospital he proceeded to Egypt, where, as he told a reporter, "it was a great thrill to witness a sparkling game of Rugby, between NZ Base and an English fifteen. It was an even greater thrill to see our NZ lads win 19-6."

On the completion of his ME tour of NZ units Mr. Jordan will return to Italy to visit the fighting troops in the north.

In the News: AROUND THE WORLD

SUGAR rationing in New Zealand has been reduced from 12 ozs. to 10 ozs. In Great Britain the ration is 8 ozs.

ROLLS-ROYCE-MERLIN engines are now being built in Australia by mass-production for fitting to Mosquito aircraft.

IN two months, America ships overseas as much tonnage as General Pershing received in all the time the American forces were at World War I.

The Canterbury senior cricket competition has reached an interesting stage with only one point separating Lancaster Park and West Christchurch. East Christchurch is in third position with Old Collegians next, followed by Sydenham.

DURING the last month, enemy air action over Britain accounted for 483 civilians killed and 1152 injured.

A NUMBER of New Zealand and Australian repatriated prisoners of war are enjoying their new-found freedom as the guests of private families in Great Britain.

NEW Zealand's wool clip this year amounts to 1,000,000 bales which represents an increase of 50,000 bales on last year's production figure.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ I.

- 1 Australia.
- 2 1920.
- 3 A cat's jaw moves up and down NOT sideways. A dog's moves in either direction.
- 4 Seluage.
- 5 Left side facing forward.
- 6 The Pyramids, The Hanging Gardens of Babylon Tomb of Mansolus. Temple of Diana at Ephesus. Colossus of Rhodes. Statue of Jupiter by Phidias. The Pharos Lighthouse at Alex.
- 7 No: it is a herb.
- 8 Before the general public could write, an X was used as a signature. The custom still prevails though the significance has changed.

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