

# "The HIGHLANDER"

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AT SEA

FRIDAY, March 31 1945.

## Great Activity as Allies close in on Japan

*The Japanese radio continues to report great activity in its island chain of communications between Japan and Formosa.*

Reports of landings and land fighting are confused but there is still no confirmation nor denial from the Allies concerning this phase of operations.

Admiral Nimitz's task forces continue their heavy attacks by air and sea bombardments which have now been going on for a week.

From the reports it would appear as if there were some half-dozen task forces operating in this area including at least one British force.

The battleship, King George V, and the aircraft carrier, Illustrious, are the only major units whose names have been mentioned.

Heavy air raids have been made on Rangoon, Singapore, and Bangkok.

Japanese resistance on the Central Burma plain, near Mandalay is becoming more and more disorganised though resistance is fierce at some points.

### Fall of Danzig

The Germans have officially admitted the fall of Danzig.

The second bastion of the

Bratislava Gap is being attacked. Russian forces have crossed into Austria and are 30 miles from Vienna.

### Allies Roll on

A security black-out still covers the advance of Field Marshall Montgomery's men. General Bradley's 9th Army has joined in the same phase of the battle after a well-planned break-out from the south.

### Heavy Air Attacks

A heavy attack on the rail junctions at Hamm and on two benzol plants in the same vicinity is reported.

RAF planes dropped 10 ton bombs on U boat shelters.

Halifaxes have attacked a German convoy in the Skaggerak.

### Agriculture Lecture (TUESDAY)

"TALK ON INDIA."  
by R.S.M. Walford, J. H.

### SPORT AT HOME AND ABROAD.

The Warwick Farm Stakes at Randwick on Saturday, went to Royal Peer, who won at 12 to 1.

Twelve NZ players were in the Army team which defeated RAF at El Alamein ground, Cairo, 12 - nil.

In England a team of NZ airman beat RAAF 20-13 after the Australians being in the lead at half-time.

A 23 year-old totalisator record was broken when £10,846,707 was handled by NZ racing and trotting clubs last year despite a 50 per cent decrease in race days.

The British featherweight boxing champion, Nel Tarleton announces his retirement after one more fight, that before his own Liverpool supporters. He is 39 years of age and in his last bout he outpointed the hard-hitting Al. Phillips.

### EASTER SUNDAY (C of E Services)

06.15 Holy Communion  
07.00 Holy Communion  
10.30 Morning Service  
11.00 Holy Communion  
19.30 Song Service

### R.C. SERVICE

10.30 Men's Canteen