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AT SEA

WEDNESDAY, April 11 1945.

OUR 8th ARMY AGAIN Unleashed For Further HEAVY FIGHTING

The 8th Army is into the ring for the last round.

Preceded by an intense bombardment by 650 Fortresses and Liberators, as well as by a large force of medium bombers and fighters, the 8th have crossed the river Senio north of the main highway.

The river barrier was a formidable one and heavy fighting is now going on over minefields and flooded canals.

This offensive ends the big period during which this good fighting force has been employed in a holding role and which has not been an easy part and staff officials pay a tribute to its value in occupying the attention of large German forces.

On the 5th Army front, our forces are now about 25 miles from the naval base of Spezia.

Western Front

British spearheads are five miles from Bremen. American forces are also closing on the city and a hard fight is expected as the city is heavily garrisoned by crack German units.

Hanover has been outflanked by tanks and the besieging columns are seven miles from the city.

Bitter fighting is still raging in ruined Essen, the great Krupps industrial centre, and General Bradley's infantry in

the Ruhr area is closing up the gaps left by the thrusting tank spearheads.

Cleaning out Vienna

The Russians have reached the centre of Vienna, and at least half of the city has been occupied. Soviet troops move from block to block with tanks and tommy-guns cleaning out the enemy. The speed of the Russian advance caught the enemy napping, for the usual demolitions had not been carried out and the civilian evacuation was only partial. The arsenal was captured and 3,000 of the garrison were killed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tokyo reports another landing in the Ryukyu islands between Japan and Formosa.

The South China Seas air force destroyed 221,000 tons of shipping in March.

In 10 months of "V" bombing over England, 8346 have been killed and 25,000 seriously injured. The last V bomb attacks were on Good Friday.

BRIDGE FINAL

Ten teams competed in the final series of the bridge tournament, conducted on a progressive system, and at the end of five half-hour periods the winners were WAAC's Greenfield & McLaren, who were 900 pts. ahead of the next best scoring pair.

GRAND NEW SHOW

The first of a series of six performances by a ship's concert party will be presented in the Men's Lounge on Thursday at 14.00 hrs.

Watch R.O.'s for allocation of group days.

"Arrival" Sweep

Investments in the "Arrival" Sweepstake now total £37. All restrictions on entry are now lifted. The book will close on FRIDAY AT MIDDAY.

Answers to Quiz 9

- 1 Cable railway.
- 2 Rearing of Birds.
- 3 Beautiful Butterfly.
- 4 From Oporto, Portugal.
- 5 Left foot.
- 6 Oxford University.
- 7 Near the equator where trade winds meet and neutralise each other.
- 8 Four.
- 9 William Bligh.
- 10 Not since February 1, 1935.

TODAY'S LIMERICK

*You never should hurry when
late,
A mess orderly said to his
mate.
If you slip at the top.
And go neck over crop,
Its hard to keep fish on a plate.*

John Pain's Plates

(Refrain: Where the mountains of
Mourne)

Oh! Aussie this waiting's a
tiring game,
It's getting me down, I wish
I were hame.
I don't mind the standing for
grub in the queue,
Or handing to chaps all those
platefuls of stew.
The rush in the morning is
causing I fear
Such strain on the system
that's all I can bear,
And there has just happened
a thing that's rocked me
The sight of four plates
dropping into the sea.
Life on a troopship is terribly
tough
Especially when the sea gets
to be rough.
Again life in the tropics is
fearfully hot
And one lies perspiring
at night in his cot.
While all of these troubles
I could gladly bear
This latest misfortune's
put grey in my hair.
For I'm sure that picture will
always haunt me,
The sight of Pain's plates
dropping into the sea.

Pat on the Back

FOR NAT. PAT.

BEFORE leaving the middle
East a considerable amount
of recreation equipment, etc.,
was placed aboard each ship as
a result of the National Patri-
otic Fund (money supplied by
our people at home). The
allocation for D ship was as
follows:—1704 parcels, 24 dart
sets, 6 sets of boxing gloves, 12
deck tennis nets, 6 medicine
balls, 50 draught sets, 24 chess
sets, 25 sets Chinese checkers,
15,000 sheets of writing paper,
5,000 envelopes, 144 pens and
nibs, 500 Lotto blocks, 5 Shun
Ting sets, 400 packs of playing
cards, 5 Bingo sets, 12 large
bottles of ink, 221,000 cigar-
ettes.

Inquiries regarding these
items can be made at ERS
Library or at unit orderly rooms
where permission has been
granted for their withdrawal
from the storeroom.

Tongariro Races, Fields for Today

BRACKENFIELD HANDICAP

No.	HORSE	BREED	OWNER
1	THATS ALL, by Announcer, out of Breath		R. J. Brown
2	ITALIAN MISSION, by Tales, out of School		H. Kaye
3	HAPPY THOUGHT, by Ration, out of Rice		A. B. See
4	RUDE AWAKENING, by Salt Water, out of Hose		H. Smith
5	HAPPY NIGHT, by Deck, out of Stuffy Cabin		Eb. & Zeb
6	INEBRIATION, by Pentothal, out of Syringe		R. N.

WESTPORT CUP

1	BATTLEDRESS, by Fredo, out of Tropical Clime	J. O. Hall
2	COMING AFT, by Crew, out of Blackout	Coming For'ard
3	NECK and NECK, by Locker, out of Moonlight	DEMS
4	HARD SHOT, by Edgar, out of Tennisquoit	C. C.
5	BREAKAWAY, by Kiwi Div. out of Minquar	Quaim L. J. Pennicott
6	FLAT FEET, by Steward, out of Saloon	Seven Hunks

Grand National Steeplechase

1	JUMPING JEHOSEPHAT, by Porpoise, out of Drink	JAW
2	MR. GAIN, by Canteen, out of Lemonade	J. Walker
3	PRICKLY HEAT, by Perspiration, out of Lack o' Salt	A. A. Johnston
4	IRRITATION, by Flea, out of Sight	N. C. S.
5	FROSTY JOCK, by Seldom, out of Overcoat	D. Donovan
6	NIGHT PARADE, by Soldata, out of Sorts	G. P. Gillespie

ORARI HACK HANDICAP

1	SWEET MELODY, by Tickle, out of Ivories	M. R. Gibson
2	GOOD YARN, by Skipper, out of Stalag	A. N. Aitken
3	RESOLUTION, by Mourning out of Purple Death	25541
4	SPRINGTIME, by Picquet, out of Bed	42155
5	GAY BLONDE, by Peroxide, out of Bottle	Ginger
6	GROSS FIGURE, by Winning Form out of Berlei	E. V. Carr

STEWARDS' SPRINT

1	IMITATION, by Chai, out of Galley	D. Rennie
2	SLIPPERY SAM, by Easy Money, out of The Mugs	De La Rue
3	LIGHTNING, by Tropical Storm, out of Cloud	S. B. White
4	FARMERS BOY, by Two Pips, out of The Army	F. Stables
5	ARE SOBER, by Mac's Fall, out of Stairs	R. McLean
6	THE BOTTLER, by Seldom, out of Work	W. J. Anderson

Lecture

(AGRICULTURAL)

THURSDAY: "Fruit Farming
in Argentine." — by Seaman N.
Sutherland. In the Dining
Saloon at 14.30 hours.

Jones & Sgts. Millard & Cameron tied,
in the "500," each with 10 wins, Sgts,
Poole & Jones won in the play-off.

Cards' Tournay

The Armd Group competitions in con-
nection with the shipboard cards'
tournament have been completed.

The auction bridge section was won by
W.O. 11's Spittall & O'Conner, with
four wins and 6130 points. Tps. Jones
and McKay were 2nd with four wins
and 5911 points and Sgts. Miller &
Balch 3rd, with three wins and 5789
points. Two pairs, Sgts. Poole and
(continued at foot of preceding column)