

LONDON Reports up to 7.30 P M show 73 enemy planes destroyed by R A F, 17 of our planes being lost. Bombs have damaged property near St Paul's, but the Cathedral itself is safe. Shattering blasts rocked big buildings in the heart of the city as bombers heaped destruction. Raids on Saturday & Sunday are estimated to have killed 600 and wounded nearly 3000.

TOKYO Jap Press declares that Jap Govt is determined to pursue its policy in Indo-China regardless of opposition from Britain & U S A. Another Jap paper fears that American concern will lead to an embargo on petrol & scrap iron.

LONDON Mr. CHURCHILL, broadcasting to the Nation, warns of determination with which Nazis are pursuing their plans for the invasion of Britain. The Germans' effort to secure daylight mastery of the air was the crux of the war - and so far had conspicuously failed, at a cost in German losses which they could not afford to continue. Nevertheless, all preparations for the invasion of Britain were steadily going forward. Several hundred self-propelled barges are being moved to French ports, while convoys of merchant ships dodge from port to port under the protection of German guns. Large bodies of German troops stand ready. The next week or two is the critical period. This period will rank with the day when Drake was finishing his game of bowls, with the time when Nelson stood on guard over the Channel. Every man will do his duty, with special pride and care. Our fighting forces on the seas, in the air, in our waiting armies and our civilian population, in all their posts and stations, concluded Mr. CHURCHILL, are a people who will not flinch or weary of the struggle, hard and protracted though it will be, and we shall draw from the heart of suffering itself a victory, not only for ourselves, but a security the length and breadth of which, as yet, cannot be foreseen.

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WHERE CAN WE DRAW THE LINE?

Father Neptune was not the only one who came aboard yesterday - did anyone see the goat?

Ship's Q M S is S/Sjt D. Jones - He keeps the locker!

What Ho - The tawny Neptune arrives, 'mid fanfare of trumpets. It was a hot day, but not hot enough to keep the boys from Mt. Olympus away - though no nymphs accompanied the Patriarch.

Pa Neptune's rooters made a judicious selection from those present. Capt Anderson, 19 Army Troop, was first to bite the dust. Sister Anderson and Sister Allen, in quaint native attire, graced the baptismal font.

Amongst those present were :- Major Mantell-Harding, boyishly resistant, Colonel Sage, rampant, Mr. King, pugnacious, Mr. Boyer, docile, Mr. Carnachan, expectant, Mr. Laurie, underwares, the R S M, fighting, Pte Joe Crossen, unconquerable.

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Did the O C enjoy the light fantastic dance by the Serjeant in the corridor?

LOST - 1 x 30 Piastre piece. This has sentimental value, having been carried by the present owner's brother throughout the last war. Will finder please return to G. Turner, 4745, Hospital (Reward)

COUNTRY MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE : Our old friends Web & Zeb, the Storekeepers, are in business at No 2 Hold. NO TICK GIVEN.

Overheard near a lumber camp on A Dock : Officer - "What are you doing, George?" George - "Nothing, Sir." Officer - "What are you doing, Bill?" Bill - "Helping George, Sir."

"Lay my head beneath a rose", warbled a serjeant. John Dory suggests a steam roller.

Who is the ex Prime Minister of England who puts the numbers on the meat tickets?

APOLOGY :- There is ONE Australian subaltern on board who DOES speak the lingo.

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