

LATEST NEWS OF THE WAR

An R.A.F. Communique from Cairo states that highly successful air attacks have been made on Italian bases in the Dodecanese Islands. At Maritza, in Rhodes, several explosions were followed by large fires after the harbour, hangars, and barracks had been attacked. All our planes returned safely.....

Continuous raids were launched against the enemy from the western desert. Planes and hangars were set on fire at Derna, buildings were hit at Tobruk, & large concentrations of motor transports were seen burning fiercely. Fifty aircraft were successfully attacked on the ground at El Tamini. Bomba Bardia received all the bombardment it wanted, and an enemy camp in the Capuzzo Sollum area was also bombed. One of our planes is missing.

Raids have also been made on Mogadascio and Kasala and on Lavado, Abyssinia.

EGYPT - There is no change in the situation in this sector. The enemy continues to consolidate his positions in Sidi Barrani and in the Sollum area.

The Italians are said to be using German bombers & pilots in their Mediterranean operations. Two Nazi bombers were shot down during a raid on Malta.

According to an Admiralty report the Navy continues to show great hospitality to the northern flank of the Italian advance from Libya. The coast road to Sollum has been bombarded at close range, one destroyer probably sunk, & several other ships damaged.

THE NORTH

The R.A.F. has again attacked shipping concentrations, harbours & docks from Flushing to Le Havre. The seat of the main attack was Le Havre, where the display included blazing ships as well as immense fires ashore.

Centres in Germany itself were not forgotten by the R.A.F., nor was an enemy destroyer, upon which a direct hit was scored. Seven of our planes are missing.

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 I saw death's flag a'flying on a troopship westward bound
 I watched the pennant fluttering high and knew that one had found
 His peace; while still the ship sailed on into the growing dawn
 Where men of Christian creed will strive for peace for those unborn.

I thought of those in lands "down under" whose only faith must be
 To stand and wait while kinsmen sail and fight across the sea;
 Of how their hearts must heavy be, yet still beat high with pride
 For a man who answered his country's call and in her service died.

EVERYTHING FITS - IN THE ARMY

A raw recruit who had just been fitted out with his first issue was told by the Serjeant that everything had to fit. Next morning the recruit appeared on parade with a tremendous bulge under his tunic.

Sjt - "What on earth have you under there, Yates? Open your tunic."

(Recruit opens tunic, displaying large pillow)

Sjt - "That's the pillow for?"

Recruit - "Toll, Serjeant, you said everything had to fit, so I had to make the belt fit."

Abie, Abie, Abie my boy, where are we heading for now?

What have our amateur navigators to say about it this time?

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