

GALLUP POLL No. 1.

In order to encourage discussion on matters of general interest questions will be issued periodically. Group Commanders will please arrange to take votes on 25 Jan 44 and pass results to HQ AERS, Cabin 54.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS:

- (1) On what part of the Western European coastline do you consider that the main invasion bridgehead will be established?
 - (a) Norway-Denmark,
 - (b) Low Countries,
 - (c) North coast of France,
 - (d) Bay of Biscay.
- (2) On the cessation of hostilities in Europe do you consider that the N. Z. Division should:
 - (a) Return to New Zealand for demobilization.
 - (b) Become part of an army of occupation.
 - (c) Be transferred to the Pacific Zone for service against the Japanese.

THE KETEER FELLOUSE SWEEPSTAKES:

A SHIP'S CONSULTATION will be drawn thrice weekly. Four thousand one shilling tickets will be available for each consultation.

PRIZES will be (in each case if all tickets are sold):
 1st Prize, 25% = £50; 2nd Prize, 15% = £30; 3rd Prize, 10% = £20
 4th Prize, 5% = £10; 30 prizes of 1% = £2 each.

DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS will be:

British Seamen's Fund, 5%, N.Z. Seamen's Fund 5%; Expenses 5%.
 It is anticipated that working expenses will be reducible, in which case additional 1% prizes will be drawn. Tickets will be issued on a prorata basis to all groups. The draw will take place in the presence of Group representatives at 0900 hrs in the Officers' Lounge or on the boat deck. Results will be broadcast at 1000 hrs with instructions concerning the collection of prizes. Tickets must be produced before prize money will be paid.

Tickets for the first consultation are being sold today and the draw will take place at 0900 hrs tomorrow morning.

NEW BREVITIES:

THOUGH there have been no sensational developments in the war situation since we left home, the reports indicate, from an Allied point of view, that events are still following a favourable course.

The Russians are now more than 80 miles inside the 1939 Polish frontier and have reduced the German retreat to a rout. The Russians' genius for strategy has enabled them to develop their Southern offensive to such good effect that the German Armies in the Dnieper Bend are now facing a serious threat of encirclement and, perhaps, annihilation.

Allied bombers are still swarming across the Channel to pound objectives on the Continent, and the German airpower has suffered another serious setback as the result of the dropping of 2000 tons of bombs on Brunswick.

The British Government has given an emphatic denial to a report published in a Russian newspaper that Britain has been negotiating with the German Foreign Minister, Von Ribbentrop, for a separate peace.

On the Italian Front, the capture of important heights above Cassino by the Fifth Army has brought the fall of the town much nearer.

The Prime Minister, Mr Peter Fraser, is at present in Australia discussing with Mr Curtin problems associated with the war in the Pacific.

Twenty people have lost their lives in bush fires in Victoria. Mr Churchill, who has been recuperating in French Morocco, has recovered from his illness and has had important conferences with General de Gaulle and General Eisenhower.

It is reported that 12 German divisions have been sent to the Spanish frontier because the Nazis fear an invasion through that country.

It is predicted that the new Allied jet-propelled planes will reach speeds of between 500 and 600 miles an hour.