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AT SEA

SATURDAY, April 7 1945.

Russians Enter Suburbs of Vienna to meet Savage foe

Moscow reports that the first Russian spearhead has entered the suburbs of Vienna and met with savage resistance,

One spearhead has thrust round to the west of the city and another is directed at the cutting off of the German retreat.

Other Russian forces have crossed the Hungarian-Yugo-Slav frontier near Zagreb.

The Soviet has denounced its Five-Year-Pact with Japan. The pact still has one year to run and although Russia has not actually broken this term, it has been made clear that the pact will not be renewed.

There are expressions of official satisfaction in Britain and U.S.A.

JAP CABINET RESIGNS

The Japanese Cabinet has resigned, believed to be the direct result of loss of prestige caused by the landings in Okinawa.

A new Cabinet has been formed with Admiral Sezuki as Premier. Sezuki is a 77-year old relic of the morning glory of the old Imperial Navy.

The appointment is obviously that of a figurehead but it is significant in that it shows the Navy accepting responsibility rather than the Army. It also shows that although Japan has had a bad fright the governing

clique does not yet consider it is time to appoint a civilian Premier who would be expected to be a more acceptable negotiator of peace overtures

Western front Advances

The British 2nd Army has pushed through to the river Weser and has secured bridgeheads around Minden. The city of Osnabruck was by-passed and later captured by airborne troops. Stubborn resistance is expected to crumble for the German flank is threatened.

Tank spearheads are advancing fast 60 miles from Bremen. British and Canadian forces have been advancing as much as 40 kilos. a day in the Netherlands.

On Italian Fronts

In Italy the 5th Army has made a surprise attack and captured positions overlooking the Ligurian Plain. On the other side, the 8th Army FOUR YEARS AGO
April 7, 1941
5th Reinforcements
Sail for Egypt

Boxing

Enthusiastic efforts are being made to stage exhibition boxing but as entries have not come forward as well as anticipated bouts will not be arranged unless greater support is accorded the venture.

With the present entries, three matches can be made, while two men, an 8 stoner and an 11 stoner, are awaiting opponents.

The staging of a suitable programme of exhibition bouts depends on further entries being received up to 16.00 hrs. today by Dick Baker. Sgts. quarters, Promenade deck.

Sunday's Services

(In men's lounge)

0700 Holy Communion 1030 Morning Service 1100 Holy Communion 1930 Song Service

1030 R.C. Service (Men's canteen)

has advanced some miles up the sand strip between Lake Commachio and the Adriatic and has captured several islets

CORRESPONDENCE

(TO THE EDITOR)

SIR,

According to the system of points scoring in connection with the bridge tournament at present in play. i.e., the highest scoring pair at the end of five rounds being the group winners. it is possible for a quartet to double and redouble every hand throughout the three rubbers and so finish the play with thousands of points to the credit of each pair, thus giving them a decided advantage over those who may be playing fair bridge and scoring low.

Would it not be better if at the end of five rounds the pairs with five wins played off to decide which pair represented their particular group.

I am, "Wondering,"

(To W.T.L.)

Your letter stating "someone is getting in early for the boxing" was indecipherable in parts but I gather that some joker sloshed another joker, who almost went out the monk and then the bloke who did the clocking took to his scrapers. Ed.

DO YOU KNOW?

- 1 What is a Funicular Railway,
- 2 What is AVICULTURE.
- 3 What is LEPIDOPTERA.
- 4 From where Port Wine got its name.
- 5 In mounting a horse if one places the left or right foot first in the stirrup,
- 6 What library is known as the BODLEIAN library.
- 7 What are the DOLDRUMS.
- 8 Into how many TIME BELTS the USA is divided.
- 9 Who was the commander of the ship BOUNTY.
- 10 If British silver coins are legal tender in New Zealand.

Homeward Bound

THERE'S a bugle note, There's a ship afloat. Arriving on the tide, There are L.C.P.'s Full of old Kiwis All making for her side.

They've waited months,
They've waited years,
They've dreamt and
dreamt again
Some on the desert,
Some on the crag,
Some with the Hun,
Some with the Slav,

Some in the sick bay, Some standing by; All with one thought: Oh! to be home again,

And here she is,
She's taking them home.
She may not be lovely,
She may not have form.
But she's something that sails
O'er the seas.

She might go in convoy, She might go alone, But however she goes, She's taking them home.

Home to that island, The southmost of all Which names like Dunedin And Christchurch recall.

Home to New Zealand
Oh God! What a day,
Do you hear the mate
calling—

The anchor's aweigh.
J. W. Carr

Answers to Quiz 8

- 1 5. 7. 18.
- 2 King TAWHIAO.
- 3 A Sea Bird.
- 4 A saddle Camel
- 5 A specialist in diseases of the mind.
- 6 Duke of Wellington.
- 7 1907.
- 8 A Cemetery.
- 9 24.
- 10 CAFFEINE.

Lectures

SATURDAY: "Experiences as a Prisoner of War," by Captain J. W. Carr.

SATURDAY: "E.R.S. and its Programme," by Sgt. W. A. Graeve, Troops Rec. room.

CALLING ALL KIWIS!

Tongariro Races

Nominations will be received by the Secretary or at the Armd Orderly Room up to 11.00 hrs. Sunday. April 8, for the Autumn meeting,

Owners whose horses have been balloted out on previous occasions are requested to make fresh nominations. Stakes—First £1, second 10s.

Gigantic Sweepstake

Here's your chance for an easy fortune.

The balloon goes up when the NZ PILOT steps on board.

BIG MONEY FOR SIX-PENCE.

A "BOOK" has been opened giving ALL KIWIS a chance to estimate the exact time at which the NZ Pilot will step aboard this ship. The official time to the half-minute will be given by the Ship's Master.

Entry charge is SIXPENCE with a limit of two entries per man for the first four days of the book, after that unlimited.

The competition is *to be closed when first contact is made with Australia and the entry book is to be sealed until the ship's Master gives the official time.

Prizes:

1st 90 per cent of total takings. 2nd 10 ditto ditto

OPENED: Friday, April 6 at 09.30-10.30 and 11.00-12.30 and daily thereafter at same times until closed. In troops recreation room.

ENTRIES to be given as follows:—

Dec. 3 1132 hrs. 6240 Jones J. NZ

Entertainment

Rehearsals have started for a GRAND NEW SHOW. Variety Artists are invited to help make 6 this the best programme ever.