

Daily News

OPINION

Letters should not exceed 50 words

MY LAST GOOD STOCKINGS AND THERE GOES A LADDER!

WHY DOESN'T JUDY LUX US AFTER EVERY WEARING?

SHE'D CUT HER STOCKING BILLS IN HALF IF SHE DID!

PERSPIRATION ACIDS LEFT IN STOCKINGS OVERNIGHT WEAKEN THREADS, PREPARE THE WAY FOR LADDERS. LUX WHISKS AWAY THAT PERSPIRATION ... RESTORES THE ELASTICITY... MAKES STOCKINGS LAST

LUX

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MR. MENZIES ON THE WAR

In his fine, moving speech in the Sydney Town Hall last night Mr. Menzies had not much to tell the public that was news to anyone who had followed the course of the war intelligently; but his brief survey of the past and preparation for the future should dissipate any apathy or false confidence that may have obtained in Australia.

The Prime Minister's warning that the war had assumed a most deadly and grave character is very far from being an over-statement. Serious mistakes have been made, chiefly in the failure to recognise the overwhelming importance of keeping pace with the enemy in the efficiency and production-volume of the instruments of war. Valuable time has been lost in both Britain and America by failure to grasp the vital importance of mass production.

This lesson has been driven home in every field of the war and now it is understood that man power is a secondary consideration compared with the equipment of the fighting men with striking power equal to that possessed by the enemy.

Coming from Britain where the people are united in their determination to win and the Government has the unquestioning support of every section of the community Mr. Menzies confesses to one sick feeling—that he must play politics in his own country at such a time.

It is to be hoped that the Prime Minister will have the pleasure of finding himself mistaken. He will probably find unchanged the Opposition's reluctance to accept his long-standing invitation to join in a national government; but that need not concern him greatly. If all sections of Parliament are single-minded on the war the retention of party labels will be unimportant.

Labour legislators and trade union leaders can play an invaluable part if they, too, disdain to play politics and tell the men in shops and factories that anything short of their best possible performance is not playing the game; that a strike in a munitions factory is the equivalent of desertion on the battlefield. A truly united national effort is vastly more needed than a national government in Canberra.

THE NAVY'S TASK

Some years ago Mr. Winston Churchill described engagements between modern battleships as eggshells fighting with hammers. The tragic loss of the Hood, hit by one shell fired from a great distance, brings Mr. Churchill's simile to mind.

News of the naval operations, shrouded by the mists of the North Atlantic, is awaited eagerly and anxiously. The destruction of Britain's largest battleship is a heavy blow which it would be foolish to minimise, but it will not shake confidence in the power of the British Navy.

The tremendous task thrown on the Navy must, however, be recognised. In the last world war Britain had allies which helped to police the seas and to escort transports and merchantmen. Today the British Navy is playing virtually a lone hand and playing it magnificently. Losses, even heavy losses, are inevitable.

GOSPEL TRUTH

The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is established, that it cannot be moved.—Psalms 92, 1.

SIR.—Again Western Australia's response to the call of the A.I.F. is ahead of the demand. This gives us occasion for pride but not necessarily for satisfaction. We are told that every man is wanted, and it is the total enlistment that counts not the record of individual States. Cannot our surplus be absorbed at once?

AUSTRALIAN
Leederville.

Do Unto Them

SIR.—A mysterious bird lost its way, landed in a field away far from its plane. Crippled his ankle, garbed in soft kind and silk sock; feared being shot, poor bird. Had a camera fastened on his back. Why? Wherefore? This nasty (Nazi) bird did not explain. Should one of our nation have landed in this bird's country what would have followed? A wall, a firing squad and voila tout. Be not squeamish. "Do unto them as others do to us," is the sentiment of Subiaco. A TRUE BRITISHER.

Hess's Objective

SIR.—My opinion regarding Hess's visit to Scotland is that he was on a secret mission to Ireland. The route chosen was one freest from the vigilance of the R.A.F., and his landing in Scotland was due to either failure of oil or some unrevealed cause. It will be recalled that in his letter to the Duke of Hamilton he suggested a meeting on neutral ground to discuss the situation and terms of peace. Ireland is neutral ground—at least nominally—and De Valera is still President of the League of Nations.

Futile Prophecy

SIR.—End of the world prophets are wasting breath. Whether our Lord comes in the clouds tomorrow or long after we are in our graves does not matter if only we do our duty. Let us concentrate on that. Our job is to win the war and develop the physical resources of W.A. The end of the world will come for each of us when we die, whether that happens by cosmic catastrophe or more conventionally.

Perth. S. WITCHCLIFFE

OUT OF A BOOK

SAXON SONG

Tools with the comely names,
Mattock and scythe and spade,
Couth and bitter as flames,
Clean, and bowed in the blade,—
A man and his tools make a man
and his trade.

Breadth of the English shires,
Hummock and kame and mead,
Tang of the reeking byres,
Land of the English breed,—
A man and his land make a man
and his creed.

Leisurely flocks and herds,
Cool-eyed cattle that come
Mildly to wonted words,
Swine that in orchards roam,—
A man and his beasts make a man
and his home.

Children sturdy and flaxen
Shouting in brotherly strife,
Like the land they are Saxon,
Sons of a man and his wife,—
For a man and his loves make a man
and his life.

—V. Sackville-West (Later Lyrics.)

Voluntary Service

SIR.—Why pick any special sections of the community for priority in conscription; take each man whether married or not. There is a very strong law against a man losing his job; if it was not so I would be out of work today for being a member of a voluntary regiment. But service in war time is no more the duty of the unemployed or luxury tradesman than of any man who enjoys the privileges of our democracy. Any employer who holds voluntary service against an employee, though the training periods may cause inconvenience, acts in a very anti-British manner.

Scarborough. ALL IN.

Like To Transfer

SIR.—Your correspondent "Observer's" suggestion of mess stewards and messmen transferring to the A.I.F. is a very practical one. There are dozens of young fellows like myself who joined up over 12 months ago as one of the above, who did not know exactly what they were coming in as. We now find the work very distasteful and would like to join one of the other fighting services where we could be of more use.

JUST A POT WAILOPER
Perth.

America And War

SIR.—J.M.L. (Daily News, May 20) contradicts his own remarks when he states that America is helping Britain to the limit of her capacity. When America is actually participating in the hostilities against Germany, which it now admits to be justified, and sustains her share of losses in men and money, his remarks may have some relation to fact.

Perth. AIRMAN.

No Weight Given

SIR.—The Fremantle District Council of the A.L.P. is complaining that joints of meat displayed for sale bear no indication of weight on the price tickets. Our Guild took up this question some time ago and interviewed the Price Fixing Commissioner. The Commissioner's reply was that the purchaser should ask the butcher to weigh the meat. Our members did this, but butchers showed great reluctance to put the meat on the scales. The Master Butchers' Association was written to but has not replied.

PRESIDENT W.A. WOMEN'S PROGRESSIVE GUILD.
Perth.

A New Order

SIR.—We hear a good deal about a "new world order," after the war. One hopes that widows without means and waves of invalid pensioners will then be looked upon as humans, as they are cordially ignored under the present order.

INVALID'S WIFE.
Victoria Park.

Wireless Valves

SIR.—I have seen no public comment on the statement by a speaker at a women's conference that whereas the price of a wireless valve is only 3/6 in America it is 17/6 in Australia. Surely this calls aloud for explanation.

Perth. LISTENER.

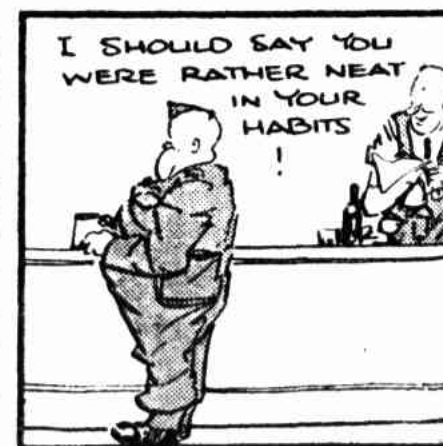
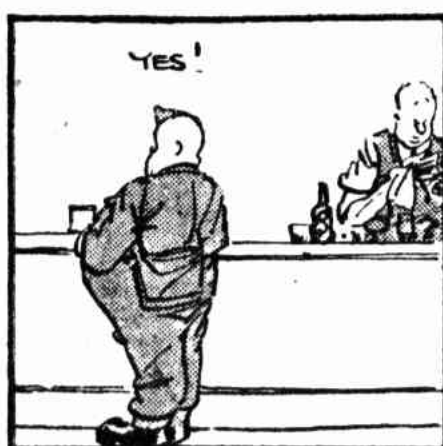
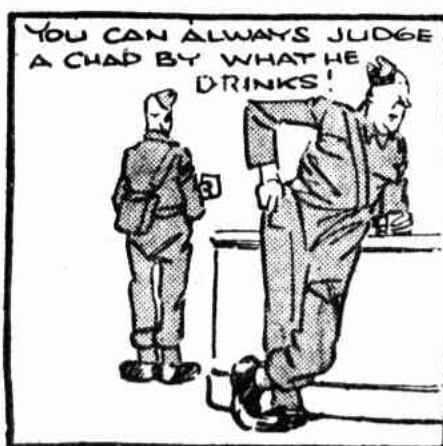
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