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FC 1126 EDITORS SHOULD PLAY DOWN SUGGESTION OF MYSTERY OR CONFUSION CONCERNING MACARTHURS POSITION AS SUPREME COMMANDER STOP THEY TEND TO BEWILDER THE PUBLIC AND DESTROY MORALE BUILT UP ON MACARTHUR ... FEDCENSOR



*From action
P/S H/16/4*

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Parliament House,
Sydney.
16th March, 1942.

Dear Sir,

FOLIO

We are in receipt of your letter of the 5th instant drawing attention to certain statements by Members of the New South Wales Parliament concerning the movements and food supplies of U.S.A. troops within Australia. We have given consideration to your representations and agree that every effort should be made to prevent the inclusion in the Hansard reports of information of the type to which attention has been drawn.

We have accordingly instructed the Principal Reporter that the greatest care is to be exercised in future in order to ensure that no details shall be recorded in Hansard which might in any way be construed as likely to be helpful to the enemy.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. Peden.
President.

D. C. Clyne
Speaker.

H. H. Mansell, Esq.,
State Publicity Censor (Commonwealth of Australia),
Department of Information,
Bryant House,
80 Pitt Street,
SYDNEY.

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11th April, 1942.

The Chief Publicity Censor,
CANBERRA.

I am very much concerned about the Censorship attitude towards coloured American troops.

At your instance, I have asked the Sydney papers not to publish any letterpress or photographs revealing their presence in Australia, but I fear that unless a policy is laid down for the whole of Australia some of the other States may grant releases.

These troops, it seems to me, will before long present a pretty problem to the Federal Government. Already, according to a submission by the "Daily Telegraph", which was killed, they have been placed out of bounds by certain city hotels and dance halls.

I discussed the matter yesterday with Lieutenant Brewer and his only comment was that their activities should not be given much publicity.

I should be obliged if you would let me have your decision on this matter.

As a whole is concerned.
As far as Australia
H. H. Mansell

(H. H. Mansell)
STATE PUBLICITY CENSOR.

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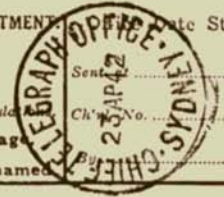
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PRIORITY PRESCENSOR SYDNEY

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FC 1147 NO REFERENCE PERMITTED TO PRESENCE IN AUSTRALIA OF LT
BULKELY OF U S NAVY OR TO HIS EXPLOITS IN PHILLIPINE WATERS OR
ELSEWHERE STOP THIS IS U S SECURITY REQUEST BREAK FC 1148 INFORM
EDITORS THAT REFERENCE TO ANY U S SOLDIERS COLOUR SHOULD BE
STRUCK OUT STOP USE OF TERM NEGRO OR BLACK OR COLOURED OFFICIALLY
REGARDED AS DETRIMENTAL SEE PARAGRAPH 3 OF CPC 4175
... FEDCENSOR

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The Chief Publicity Censor,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

Dear Mr. Bonney,

LAUNCHING OF H.M.A.S. "BATAAN".

A new Tribal Class Destroyer, to be named H.M.A.S. "BATAAN", will be launched at Cockatoo Island Dockyard, Sydney, on Saturday, 15th January, 1944, by Mrs. Douglas MacArthur. This ceremony, and the fact that the ship will bear the name "BATAAN" probably will evoke considerable public interest, and it is felt that, subject to Security precautions, a liberal measure of publicity would be desirable. It will be recalled that this was done in the case of earlier Tribal Class launchings.

2. Naval authorities in Sydney will arrange facilities for Press, Broadcasting and Newsreel representatives, and it is requested that Publicity Censorship will arrange for treatment of all material on the following basis:

- (a) No publicity prior to launching.
- (b) The name of the ship, and the fact that she is a Tribal Class Destroyer, may be published.
- (c) No reference should be made to the number of Tribal Class Destroyers already launched or in commission. (Use of the term "another Tribal Class Destroyer" is suggested).
- (d) The Place of launching to be described only as "a H.M.A.S. Dockyard" (as was done in publicity on the launching of H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA"). This would ential, for instance, references to Dockyard officials by their official titles, and not by name.
- (e) Photographs and Newsreels to show none of the ship's underwater fittings.
- (f) Broadcasting: All broadcasting material to be recorded and submitted to Censorship before being broadcast. This would prohibit direct broadcasting of the launching ceremony and of subsequent speeches. As speeches, etc., will be extempore, they may contain material which, for Security reasons, should not be broadcast. This however, would not preclude the broadcasting of "news items" on the launching, after such have been censored.
- (g) All material (Letterpress, Photographs, Newsreels and Broadcasting material) to be submitted to Censorship before publication, in accordance with existing Censorship Directions. It is requested that, particularly in view of (d) above, the Censors concerned will consult Naval Staff Officer (Intelligence), Sydney; on all material.
- (h) Details of the ship, and of Tribal classes generally, to be limited to particulars in statement made available by Navy through Department of Information. (See paragraph 3 below).

3. It is presumed that the Press will desire to publish some particulars concerning Tribal Class Destroyers. In this connection I enclose for your information (as Director-General of Information) copy of material which has been prepared for the Press. The Naval Staff Officer (Intelligence), Sydney, has been requested to supply this material to the Deputy-Director of Information, Sydney, for distribution to the Press, Broadcasting and Newsreel interests.

Yours faithfully,

Publicity Censorship Liaison Officer.

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