

BRIEF ITEMS FROM THE NEWS.

The first time a Queen had held an investiture since the Victorian era. The men who raided the Rhur dams were among those to receive their decorations from Her Majesty. Wing-Commander Gibson V.C. and his team had been given 48 hours leave to attend the Palace. The Investiture took place during the King's absence in North Africa.

Mrs Gibson was among the proud wives to witness the ceremony.

The Duchess of Kent, President of Alexandra Day, makes a tour of depots in the London area. The sale of roses had all London wearing their June tokens. Even in those hard times, we dip into our pockets for such worthy causes as this.

Thousands of Channel Islanders travelled long distances to attend a big rally to commemorate their three years away from home. Many re-unions were made at this big gathering held at Belle Vue Stadium Manchester. It was the first of its kind and took the form of a Service conducted by the Bishop of Middleton Dr. Alston. The Deputy Mayor of Manchester voiced the City's feelings when he said that Manchester was proud to have them as its guests.

- 2 -

AND here's the Anti-Flak suit worn by Fortress crews as protection against shell fragments milling round in the body of the aircraft. The vest is a kind of canvas pinafore with 20 gauge steel squares sewn into the overlapping sections. Total weight is 14 lbs. Quick release tapes permit the vest to be discarded should the wearer have to bale out. Test on the range, it proves its metal under fire.

Free Food for the people of Tripolatania. The British Military Administration is seeing to it that the civil population in Tripoli is cared for. Bread, canned meat, tea, sugar and rice are rationed out daily to the needy. Many nationalities queue up for their supplies, which are issued under the supervision of officials who have that "bread side" manner.

The Australian-made version of the British six-pounder anti-tank gun which caused great execution against German tanks in North Africa. The Mobile, hard-hitting gun can rapidly be rushed into action and laid.

The split-trail which takes the force of impact after firing, allows the gun to be pivoted over a large arc. Here's a demonstration of tank-busting with armour piercing steel travelling at more than two thousand miles an hour.

In the opinion of some experts, our anti-tank weapons already have the days of the tank numbered.