

# Great Event in Maryborough's History!

## THE VISIT OF THE LANCASTER BOMBER AND HER SPLENDID CREW

TO-DAY (FRIDAY), at 11.20 a.m.

The Acting Prime Minister (MR. F. M. FORDE, M.H.R.) will also arrive with the Bomber and speak in support of THE FIRST VICTORY LOAN.

THE VISITATION WILL TAKE PLACE FROM NOON TO 4 P.M.

Maryborough citizens are asked to show their appreciation by responding to the members of the Loan, and to also give the bomber and crew a splendid welcome.

TONIGHT — There will be a Street March by the members of the R.A.A.F., assisted by local Bands.

The Bomber's crew, supported by the Acting Prime Minister, will give excellent addresses from the Town Hall and make a further appeal in support of the First Victory Loan.

Maryborough citizens are asked on this occasion to respond to the Government's call to oversubscribe the loan, and assist the fight for Victory.

A. G. THORPE, Hon. Secretary.

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# THOUSANDS GO TO SEE GIANT LANCASTER BOMBER: VICTORY LOAN APPEAL

THOUSANDS of Maryborough and country residents saw the giant Lancaster, piloted by Flight-Lieutenant Peter Isaacson, A.F.C., D.F.C., D.F.M., arrived in Maryborough yesterday. The visit of the giant bomber was made in support of the First Victory Loan, and upwards of £4000 was secured at the aerodrome.

Those people who took out a bond were permitted to inspect the Lancaster, which circled the city for nearly ten minutes before making a perfect landing.

Addressing the crowd which gathered to view one of Britain's most potent weapons in the air, offensive against the Reich, Acting Prime Minister F. M. Forde, who was welcomed by the Mayor (Ald. R. D. McDowell) referred to the fact that Maryborough was a long way behind its quota both of subscribers and of money.

He emphasised that there would have to be some organisation and some response to that organisation.

"This war is a long way from being completed," he said. "While victory is a good way ahead, it is at least in sight. The corner has been turned.

"Germany is being pushed back, but she has not yet been pushed back on German soil. The gallant Russians on one side and the brave men of the R.A.F. and are making their presence felt in Germany.

"We are asking for £150,000,000 of the people's money. That amount cannot be raised from the air or by the churning out of notes. The only way to finance this war is by taxation, loans and the judicious use of bank credit within safe limits. That method is being used by the Government to-day.

### "NO HALTING"

"There can be no halting, no ~~no~~ he said. "We have got to go on, or disaster faces Australia. We must give our fighting men the best equipment of any in the world, otherwise it would be merely sending them to be slaughtered.

"If manpower and materials have to be raised to fight this war, then sacrifices will have to be made by the people. If by increasing in this loan you make a sacrifice, your sacrifice is negligible compared with what young men in their thousands are sacrificing over England, in India and in the jungles of New Guinea."

Mr. Forde said that he believed that more suffering and sacrifice would have to be endured before the war ended, but whether the war was long or short he was confident the Australian people could stand together as Russia, England and the United States had stood together until they won

through to victory and a just and lasting peace.

F/L. Isaacson told the gathering that the men of the services wanted the people to invest all they could.

"We want the best tools and guns we can get," he said, "and it is impossible to get them without the assistance of the people." Noting the word "Victory" in the loan campaign, he pointed out that until recently the Allies had been on the defensive.

Now they were on the offensive in Russia, England and New Guinea.

"Your money, while it is in your pocket, is doing the serviceman no good," he said.

"So far as the services are concerned, it is being wasted. Every penny you spend unnecessarily has blood on it, and that blood may be from someone near and dear to you."

### NIGHT RALLY

"You have released a husband, son, or someone dear to you to fight for Australia and for yourselves. You won't do him much good or bring him nearer home unless you give him weapons to defend himself," said Flight-Lieutenant P. Isaacson, at the loan rally in front of the Town Hall last night.

"The Japs won't give him any mercy just because you have not raised the money to give him a gun. Your sons' lives are in your pockets and in your banks," he added.

Prior to the loan rally R.A.A.F. Station personnel, led by the Air Force Band, marched through the streets. Afterwards their ranks were drawn up in Kent-street for part of the rally proceedings.

A large crowd heard the Mayor (Ald. R. D. McDowell) welcome Acting Prime Minister F. M. Forde and F. L. Isaacson and the bomber crew, and listened later to appeals for support of the Victory Loan by F. L. Isaacson, Mr. Forde, Mr. F. Gardiner (tour manager of the Commonwealth War Loan Organisation) and Mr. J. R. Breen.

During the rally girl employees of Maryborough banks moved among the crowd taking loan pledges.

Items by Messrs. R. Grimstone, J. Gardiner, Mrs. S. Axelsen, W. O. R. H. Massingham and Mr. H. Higginson, with Mr. R. H. Tall accompanying on the piano, helped to maintain interest. Selections also were given by the Boys Band under the baton of Mr. Ralph Skerritt.

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