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~~These~~ *of Australia's* first pictures ~~show the~~ most devastating bush fire ~~Australia has experienced~~ within living memory. Fanned by a 50 mile an hour gale the fire destroyed huge tracts of countryside ~~in the state of Victoria~~, devouring whole townships in its path.

Australian military ~~called out to help, used radio to~~ *kept radio contact* ~~keep contact~~ between scattered fire fighting units.

Where chemical sprayers could not be brought up, the ~~soldiers~~ *men* fought with branches and bare hands. ~~A quarter of a million sheep and many thousands of cattle burned to death despite every effort.~~ Hundreds of houses were totally burned out.

Many people lost their lives. It was one of the worst onslaughts nature has ever delivered in Australia. *Thousands of cattle 7 a gr-million sheep & a quarter = death.*

A picturesque but practical discovery of this war, phosphorous bombs are being used *in manoeuvres* to lay smoke screens over mock enemy positions while the infantry wriggle in to attack. Phosphorous gives the attacker plenty of light, and the enemy a sticky end. Its one of the best night landing screens yet devised.

Latest star to set a new hair fashion is Ingrid Bergman, star of 'For Whom the Bell Tolls! Its a close-to-the-head style which has its appeal for the girl who works in a war factory. Long hair has to be expertly cut down so that it tapers naturally into the soft curls which are a feature of the style. Its simple, natural, charming, ~~and the effect can be varied to suit anyone.~~ ~~Service women will appreciate the fact that it takes very little looking after.~~ As the crown of the head carries no more than four inches of hair, and the nape of the neck *only one* ~~no more than an inch~~, *it easily tucks* ~~its just right for tucking~~ into a service cap.

The wave of enthusiasm which carried the style across the breadth of America is now sweeping ~~across British~~ *this country*.