

Wrong Man Court Martialled

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The screenshot shows a digital newspaper page from Trove. The main headline is "Wrong Man Court Martialled". The sub-headline reads "BRISBANE, Friday. When Stanley James Rollins, 25, labourer, of Nowra, N.S.W., faced a court-martial at Amberley this week on a charge of desertion from the R.A.A.F., it was found he had never been in the Air Force. He told court-martial officers he was destitute, and he was given a free railway ticket back to N.S.W. and £3 for pocket money." The article continues: "Rollins spent to-night at Archerfield R.A.A.F. station. He will get a train home tomorrow. Rollins's christian names, surname, age, and description corresponded exactly with the wanted man. He was arrested eight days ago by Sydney R.A.A.F. police in Nowra. R.A.A.F. officers believed he was a man who deserted from Archerfield station 260 days ago. At a preliminary hearing before Group-Captain Garing he denied he was the wanted Rollins. The hearing was adjourned, and on investigation officers discovered the mistake." The page also features a photograph of a man, likely Stanley James Rollins, and a section titled "A KISS FOR MR. ATTLEE" showing a couple kissing. Other headlines include "Sid Barnes Not In Test Team" and "Queue 'Jumpers' Can Be Fined".

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The image shows the front page of The Sydney Morning Herald. The masthead is "The Sydney Morning Herald" in a large, ornate font. To the left, it says "LATE EDITION" and "FORECASTS (for 24 hours from 6 a.m.): CITY: Fine. Mild to warm day, cool to night. W to SW winds. N.W.W. Fine except for showers eastern highlands. SW slopes. Warmer to-day. Cool to rather cold to-night. SW to SE winds ebbly." To the right, it says "PRICE, 4d" and "SUN: To-day, rises 6.02, sets 6.18. MOON: Rises 3.55 a.m., sets 2.52 p.m. TIDES (Fort Denison): High, 5.47 a.m. (4th in), 6.40 p.m. (4th in). Low, 11.30 a.m. (1st in)." At the bottom, it says "ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST YEAR OF PUBLICATION" and "44 PAGES SYDNEY, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1951".

