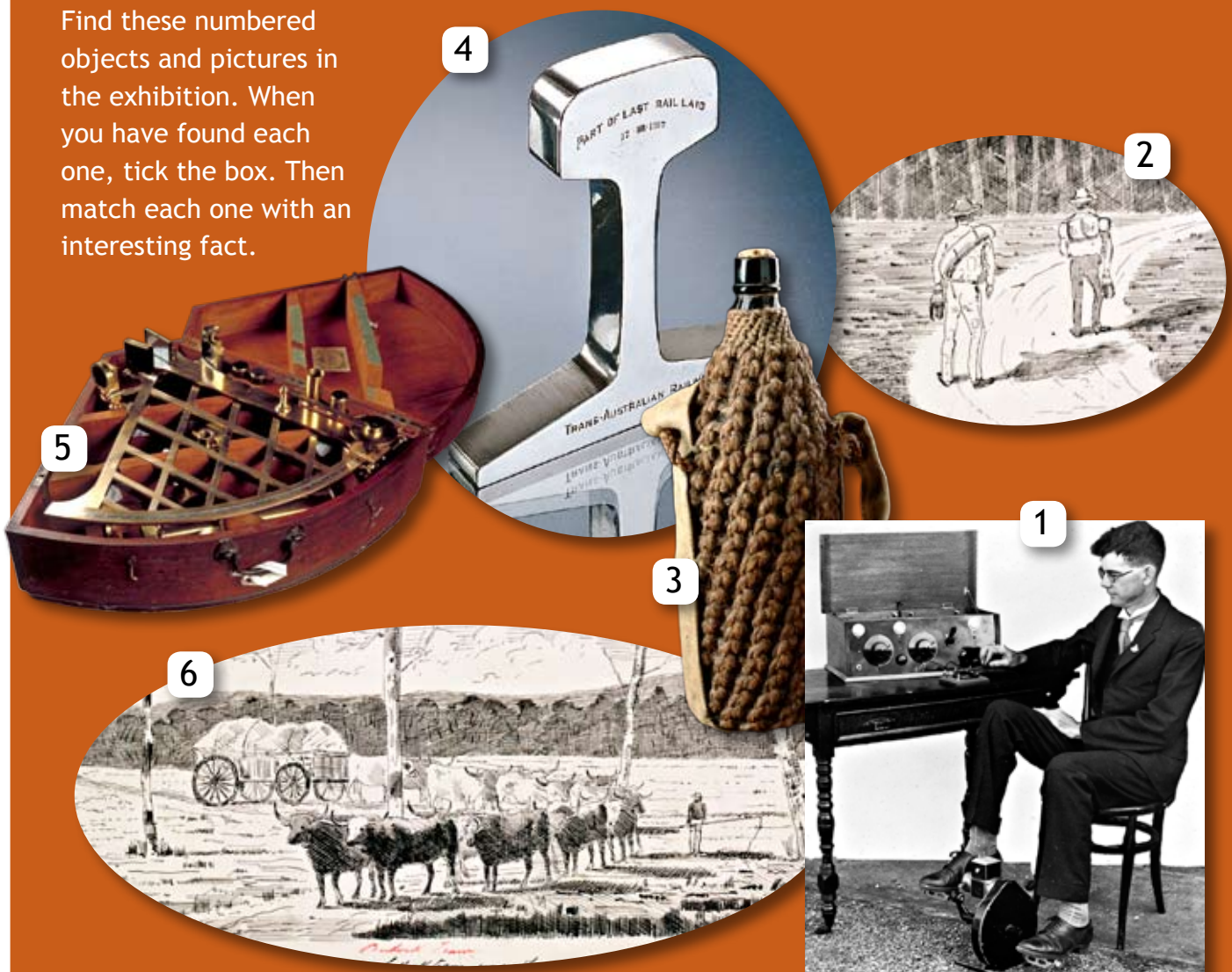


Bridging the DISTANCE

Australia is a huge country. From the earliest times, people have had to deal with the long distances between places. *Bridging the Distance* looks at how Australians have done this.

- These animals were used to haul goods before Australia had railways, good roads and trucks.
- This is part of the Trans-Australian railway, completed in 1917. It was the world's longest straight railway track until 2001.
- This two-way radio was invented in Australia. At first, people used foot pedals to make it work.
- This belonged to an explorer and was essential for his survival in the deserts of Australia.
- Men like this used to walk from farm to farm looking for work. He carried all his possessions in a bundle.
- Explorers used this to find their position by measuring the angle of the sun and stars above the horizon.

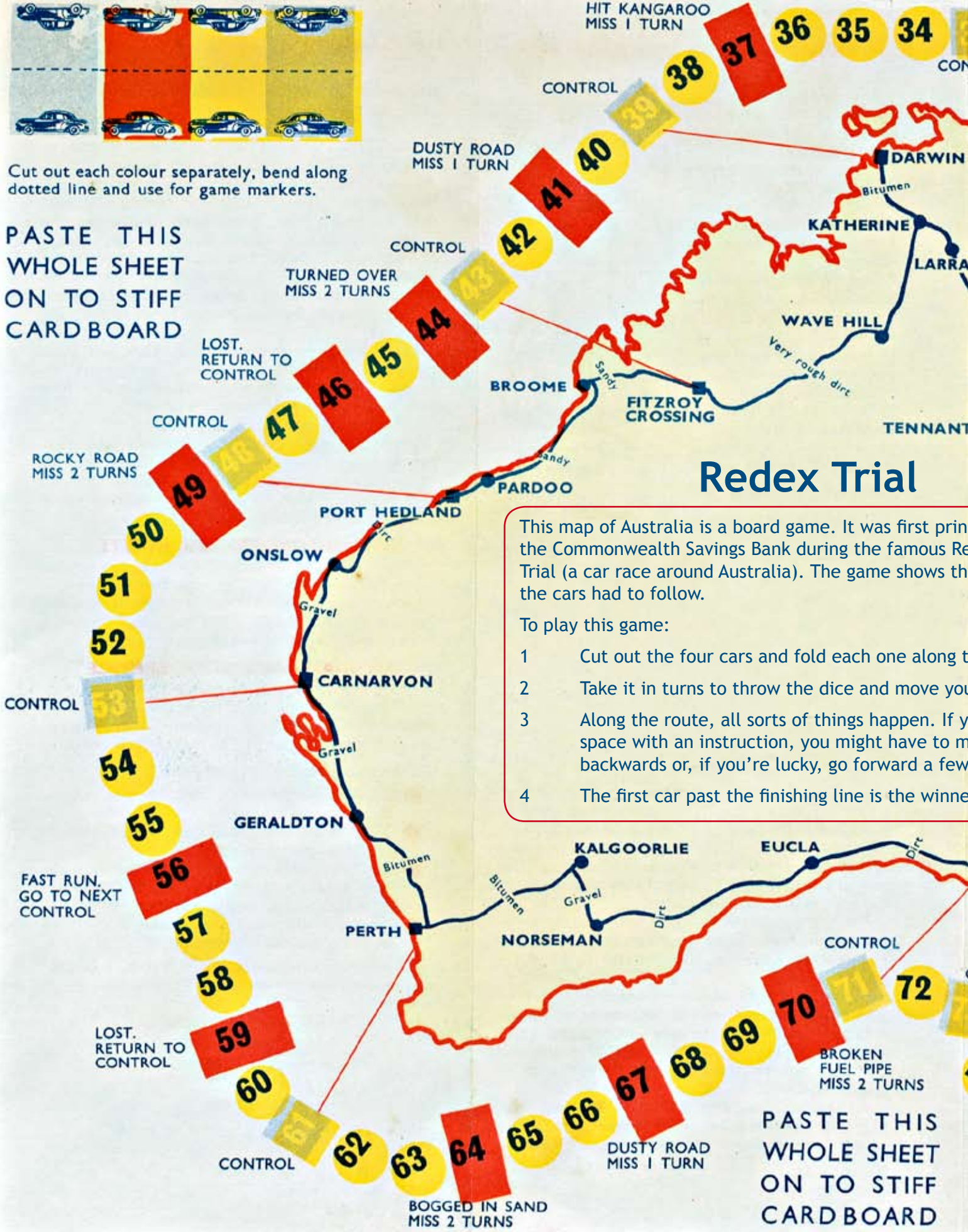
Find these numbered objects and pictures in the exhibition. When you have found each one, tick the box. Then match each one with an interesting fact.





Cut out each colour separately, bend along dotted line and use for game markers.

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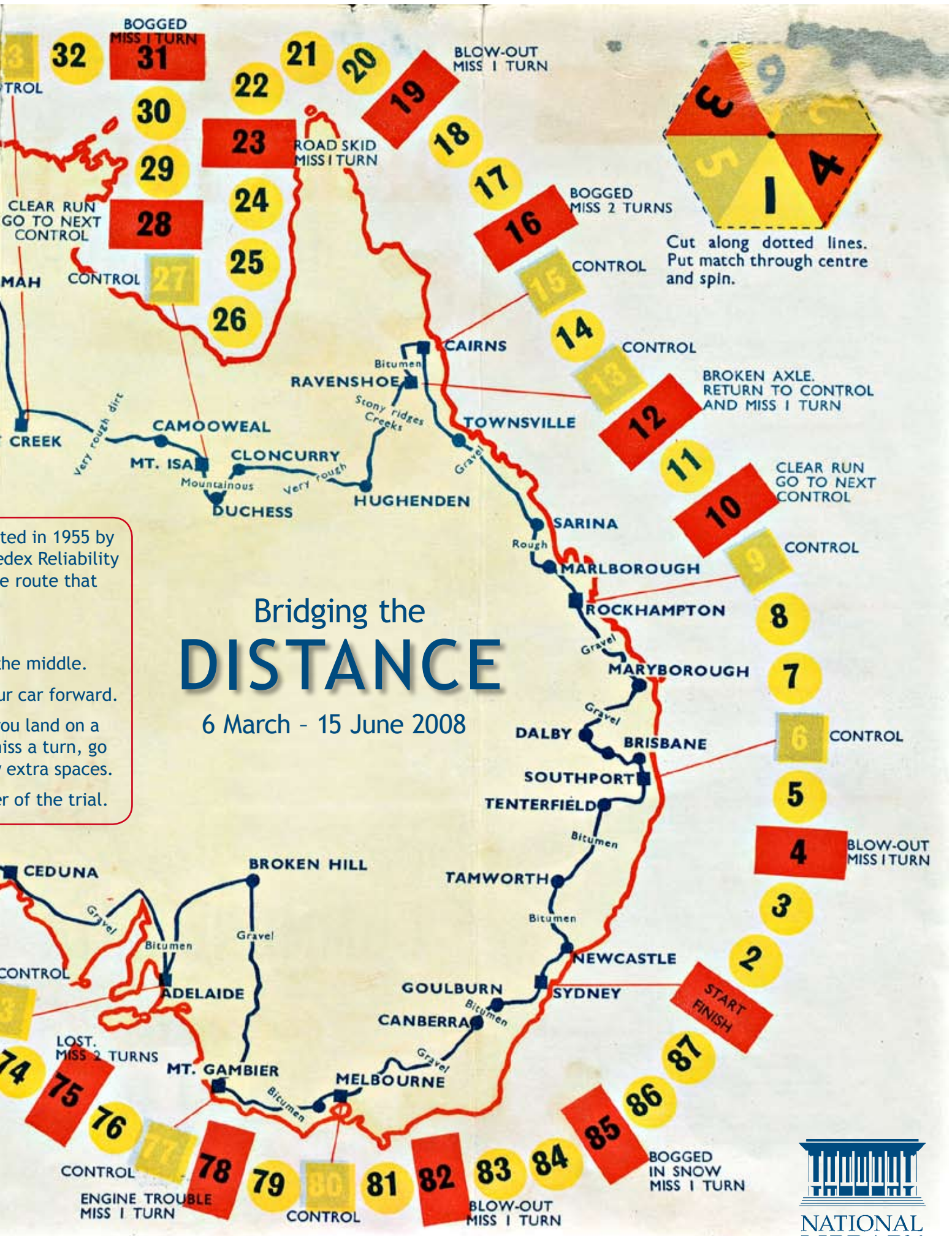
Redex Trial

This map of Australia is a board game. It was first printed by the Commonwealth Savings Bank during the famous Redex Trial (a car race around Australia). The game shows the route that the cars had to follow.

To play this game:

- 1 Cut out the four cars and fold each one along the dotted line.
- 2 Take it in turns to throw the dice and move your car.
- 3 Along the route, all sorts of things happen. If you land on a space with an instruction, you might have to move your car backwards or, if you're lucky, go forward a few spaces.
- 4 The first car past the finishing line is the winner.

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Bridging the DISTANCE

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Budarick's River Pilot Chart

During the early years of European settlement, the rivers were a way of transporting people, and goods, such as wool, wheat and timber, between places. Hundreds of paddle-steamers worked their way along rivers like the Murray and the Darling. The riverboat captains made maps so that they could navigate the rivers safely. The maps were called 'river pilot charts' and they were mounted between two rollers on the boat. The chart was so long that the captain had to read it by winding it from left to right as the steamer followed its course.

Find the river pilot chart used by Wilson Horace Budarick.

What sorts of things were shown on river charts? _____

What were paddle steamers used for? _____

Draw details of other landmarks you might expect to see during a river journey.

