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ALLIES TO PLUG GAPS IN NAZI BLOCKADE

British, German Planes Fight Brief Battles

Enemy Causes No Loss In Raid On Scapa Flow—Convoy Escapes Undamaged.

(By Pat Usher)
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, April 2.—(CP Cable)—British and German air forces fought brief and take battles across the North Sea today, the Germans dropping bombs in a new raid on the naval anchorage at Scapa Flow and attacking a British convoy, while the Royal Air Force let fall a new shower of bombs about patrol boats off Germany's Sylt Base and attacked numerous raiders.

Air raid sirens howled when the bombers came over the Orkney Islands at dusk. The all-clear signal was sounded 45 minutes later.

For about five minutes civilians living near Scapa Flow heard tense anti-aircraft fire, then the explosions of bombs.

British fighter planes went up in pursuit of the raiders, which made off quickly.

The roar from the engines of the Nazi planes indicated a large number were engaged in the attack.

The manager of a public works project said he saw one German plane spiral downward toward the sea.

The raid apparently was not as big as that of March 16 when German bombers attacked Scapa Flow and suffered a reprisal blow by the Royal Air Force on the island of Sylt, where bombs rained for seven hours on the German airplane base.

The Ministry announced:—
"The raid carried out on an attack on Scapa Flow at dusk. They were driven off by the fire of anti-aircraft batteries.

"Bombs were dropped, one of which fell on the shore. No ship was hit or damaged.

"One German aircraft is believed to have been brought down by gunfire.

Earlier in the day a German air raid on North Sea convoys was beaten off with no British losses.



MARTIAL MANEUVERS — New troops of the British Army are shown loading a 25-pounder as three brigades took part in the largest maneuvers held in England since the beginning of the war. The men took part in these grim training "games" over a 2 mile front.

National Gov't Candidates Get 50 P. C. Soldiers Vote

Election Night Results Undisturbed As Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Ballots Are Added To Civilian Returns.

OTTAWA, April 2.—(CP)—Ballot boxes were formally opened today by returning officers, the Active Service vote was added to civilian totals and the clean-up of Canada's wartime general election entered its final stages with a scattering of close contests providing the only features.

The overwhelming election-night sweep of Prime Minister Mackenzie King's Liberal followers has been undisturbed by developments and not in the least by the votes of 36,942 soldiers, sailors and airmen in England and Canada.

While the Active Service vote made a few close contests closer and favored a majority of National Government candidates, the record Liberal representation in the next House of Commons was unaffected.

About 90,000 in the army, navy and air force were eligible to vote and the comparatively light ballot was apparently the result of many men being stationed in their home constituencies where they voted as civilians.

With one seat doubtful, the present party standing compared with the standing at dissolution in January follows, figures being only for major groups:

Party	Tonight at dissolution
Liberal	171
Nat. Govt.	38
C. C. F.	7
N. Democracy	9
Conservative	152
Social Credit	—

Doubtful Seat
The doubtful seat is Acadia in Alberta where A. M. Day, Liberal, and Victor Quech, New Democracy are running neck-and-neck with four polls still to hear from. Day led by one vote late today.

Jules Castonguay, chief electoral officer who announced details of the Active Service voting this morning, said about 80 per cent of the civilian ballot boxes were formally opened across the country today by returning officers, who started preparing official results for forwarding to Ottawa.

Official figures may decide the number of recounts requested by defeated candidates. From the unofficial counts it appeared possible there might be about 13—two in Nova Scotia, three in Ontario, three in Manitoba, one in Saskatchewan, two in Alberta, one in British Columbia and one in the Yukon.

However, while the results were close in the 13 constituencies, it was not known whether defeated candidates were considering recounts.

The close contests, with complete unofficial counting finished, followed:

Cape Breton South—Clair Gillis, C.C.F., 11,533; D. J. Hartigan, Liberal, 11,483; Clyde Nunn, National Government, 9,823.
Cumberland—P. C. Black, National Government, 8,066; K. J. Cochrane, Liberal, 8,048; Guy Dea-

nings, C.C.F., 1,309.
Brant—G. W. Wood, Liberal, 4,677; Sylvanus Apps, National Government, 4,597.
Huron North—L. E. Cardiff, National Government, 5,942; R. J. Deschamps, Liberal, 5,902.
Peterborough West—Gordon Fraser, National Government, 8,600; B. M. Glover, Liberal, 9,448.
Dauphin—J. W. Ward, Liberal, 5,522; L. J. Bowman, National Government, 5,501; R. F. Moore, C.C.F., 5,120.
Souris—J. A. Ross, National Government, 4,940; G. W. McDonald, Liberal, 4,821; A. H. Parkes, C.C.F., 1,563.

Winnipeg North Centre—J. A. Woodsworth, C.C.F., 11,324; A. R. Macdonell, Liberal, 11,198; B. Stephenson, National Government, 5,412.
Maple Creek—C. R. Evans, Liberal, 5,160; H. Kemper, C.C.F., 5,104; F. E. Wright, National Government, 3,185.
Acadia (four polls unreported)—A. M. Day, Liberal, 3,730; Victor Quech, New Democracy, 3,735; George Smith, C.C.F., 780.
Jasper-Edson—Walter Kuhl, New Democracy, 6,365; A. A. Knight, Conservative, 6,282; H. Crickhow, C.C.F., 2,087; S. Bamber, National Government, 1,081.
Kootenay East—G. E. L. MacKinnon, National Government, 4,395; H. K. Matthews, C.C.F., 4,211; E. H. Stewart, Liberal, 4,024.
Yukon (seven polls unreported)—George Black, National Government, 892; Charles Reid, Liberal, 807.

In the Active Service vote, National Government candidates polled 23,385 votes—just 50 per cent of the total. Liberal candidates polled 23,722—41 per cent—and the bulk of the remainder went to C.C.F. candidates with 3,032 or 5.3 per cent.

QUEENS COUNTY
The official returns, combined civilian and active service men's votes, are as follows:
MacMillan 10,510
Douglas 10,410
Hyndman 8,205
McLure 8,193
Total ballots cast were 39,177.
24,536 civilian electors were on the list, which indicates that about 80 per cent voted.
These figures compare with the following returns in the 1935 election:
Larabee 10,328
Sinclair 10,303
Myers 7,767
McLure 7,262
Hughes 1,004
Total ballots cast in 1935 were 37,576, with 23,476 electors on the list.
Counting the 1101 service men's votes this year, the comparison with 1935 indicates an increase of roughly 2,000 in the total vote in
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RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT PLANS MOOTED

Delegation From Newly Formed Council Interviews Government.

A large delegation representing a newly formed organization of citizens and research and development Council, an organization of citizens of Charlottetown and vicinity who, on lines independent of political, social or religious affiliations, have joined together to consider, after careful study and research, by what means the economic conditions of Prince Edward Island can be so bettered that the people generally will be enabled to enjoy a larger measure of prosperity than has been their lot during the past fifty years.

Charlottetown, P. E. I. March 25, 1940.
Honorable Thane A. Campbell, Premier,
Members of the Government of Prince Edward Island
Honorable Sirs:

We come before you today as members of the Island Research and Development Council, an organization composed of citizens of Charlottetown and vicinity who, on lines independent of political, social or religious affiliations, have joined together to consider, after careful study and research, by what means the economic conditions of Prince Edward Island can be so bettered that the people generally will be enabled to enjoy a larger measure of prosperity than has been their lot during the past fifty years.

Starting six months ago in a small way, at a meeting called to consider the exceedingly unsatisfactory conditions prevailing in this city, the association has experienced a steady and natural growth, so that today the members feel that the foundation has been laid for an organization capable of province-wide expansion and from which many benefits will accrue to the Island as a whole.

At the outset a considerable divergence of views existed, but candid discussion and the bringing to

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Nazi Freighter Ready For Test Voyage

DUBROVNIK (Ragusa), Yugoslavia, April 2.—(AP)—The German freighter Ankara, loaded with bauxite, a mineral important to Germany's wartime industries, today prepared for a test voyage through Italian and Yugoslav territorial waters to establish a blockade-proof route for Germany extending all the way from the Black Sea.

German sources said that if the Ankara were successful in reaching Trieste, Italian port from which supplies can be shipped overland to Germany, more than 200 German freighters resting in Italian Adriatic ports would be put into service.

BRITISH ON PATROL

LONDON, April 2.—(CP)—Unconfirmed reports tonight said British naval units already are patrolling the Adriatic on the lookout for German merchantmen plying out of Yugoslav and Italian ports.

Naval quarters here refused to make any specific comment on the reports but said that if the French warships to this sea would be fully within the rights of the two powers as long as their units operated outside territorial waters.

ADDRESSES LARGE RED CROSS GROUP

Mrs. Wallace Campbell Speaks Before 300 Workers Here.

"The women of Canada demand the privilege of serving and I am amazed at the quality and quantity of the wonderful work they are doing everywhere," Mrs. Wallace Campbell, National Chairman of the Women's War Work Committee and President of the Red Cross Society of the Ontario Division, said in an address at the Charlottetown last night.

Close to three hundred women workers attended the gathering and listened attentively to the inspiring words of the leader.

The German suggestion of normal Rumanian economic talks, Rumanians hold that it would not be safe to reduce the armed strength of this Balkan kingdom at present.

Under the government's program, many students will be released from school for a two-week period for work on farms.

Although the original German demobilization proposal has become a pivot point in the current German Rumanian economic talks, Rumanians hold that it would not be safe to reduce the armed strength of this Balkan kingdom at present.

The speaker referred to the despatch of ambulances by the Red Cross Society to the distressed Finnish people and also to France for use of the Polish refugees. Clothing and hospital supplies had also been sent to these refugees, she added.

She explained that only the Swiss people belong to the International Red Cross and through them many parcels are shipped to the prisoners of war. The American Red Cross are doing a wonderful work, she continued.

Mrs. Campbell stressed the need of a generous response on the part of Canadians for donations to the British Red Cross. The people of

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War—25 Years Ago Today

APRIL 3, 1915—Turkish armored cruiser, Medjidieh, sunk by mine in the Black Sea, Austrian withdrawal from positions in the Beskid range of the Carpathians provided Russians with new entry into Hungary.

(By The Canadian Press)

SAFER IN LONDON
CROYDON, England.—(CP)—A 700-mile airplane journey was the feat of Kristor Sundstrom, 2½, who came by air from Sweden to England to join his parents here. His father said the boy is "safer in London" than in Sweden.

Determined To Place Enemy In Quarantine

Prime Minister Gives No Hint Of General Plan In Address To Commons.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, April 2.—(CP Cable)—Prime Minister Chamberlain today revealed Great Britain and France are determined to plug gaps in the blockade of Germany, placing the Nazi state in an economic quarantine, shut off from world trade and from trade with contiguous neutrals.

He declared in the House of Commons that the Allies "are determined to prosecute economic war to the utmost of their power." He hung the threat over the heads of neutral states that their supplies from the British and French Empire would be cut off unless they "are prepared to give us guarantees as to the limitation of their future trade with Germany."

The Prime Minister gave no details of a general plan to be placed in operation. The Allies said it is thought these would be the main features:—

1. Shipments of Swedish and Norwegian iron ore to Germany will be stopped by the Royal Navy.

2. The British and French navies will cooperate in stopping Germany from using the trans-Siberian route from Vladivostok for shipments from Mexico, the United States and South American countries.

3. European neutral states, particularly the Balkans, will be told they must limit if not abolish commercial intercourse with Germany as their suppliers of such products as tin, rubber, cotton, copper and other minerals like tungsten and nickel, of which British and French Empires hold a virtual wartime monopoly, will be cut off.

To compensate neutrals as far as possible, Britain and France are willing to promote two-way trade agreements with them, to extend the existing policy of preemptive purchases and otherwise give them alternative markets for their products which now help to make Germany powerful.

4. There may be some plan to intercept Russian products, particularly oil transported across the Black Sea, but this is considered unlikely. It is impossible to police the Black Sea because of Turkey's unwillingness to open the Dardanelles to Allied warships and it is believed there is no immediate prospect of reaching an agreement with Russia.

In any event this trade is small due to the existing policy of shipping up the Danube by barge or hauling it in tank cars, which is a costly and slow process.

In preparation for launching the new comprehensive scheme for the economic encirclement of the Reich, commercial and diplomatic experts of London and Paris are working out details. It is unlikely that definite announcements will be made by the two Governments before the end of the week.

The scheme may involve extension of the rationing system to a definite rationing of neutral states on a quota basis for raw materials. The Netherlands for instance

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Dwelling Burned At Hopefield

A dwelling owned by Ira Munn at Hopefield, three miles from Murray River was destroyed by fire yesterday. The blaze was discovered about 9:30 a.m. by one of the neighbors. Smoke was pouring from the roof. The blaze had gained such headway that efforts to save the building were fruitless. Considerable furniture from the first floor was removed but flames drove volunteer salvage workers from the second floor.

The one and a half storey frame structure was razed in less than two hours.

Near-by barns were not endangered.

While no official estimate of the loss was available it was believed to be in the neighborhood of \$1500. It was not known here whether there was insurance.

The fire was believed to have originated around a fire.

Buckingham Precedent Is Shattered

LONDON, April 2.—(CP)—A Buckingham Palace precedent was broken today when the King gave special permission to some 30 wives, sisters, mothers and daughters to attend a ceremony at which their menfolk were decorated for gallantry in the war.

Relatives had never before been allowed to attend an investiture in the palace.

Among those decorated was a Canadian flight lieutenant Robert Henry Niven of Calgary, who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "gallant and devoted duty in the execution of air operations."

A similar decoration went to squadron leader William Turner, native of Roseau, Dominica B. W. I. and flight lieutenant James Bennett for their part in the Spit raid a fortnight ago, as well as to wing commander Richard Kelet, who led an R. A. F. flight in a big air battle with the enemy over Heinkel.

Two little girls, Marion Cummins, 11, and Sarah Stevens, 10, were among the most excited of the visitors. Standing at one end of the bow room they saw the King, wearing naval uniform and accompanied by the Lord Chamberlain, pin decorations on about 30 British heroes.

"I saw the King shake hands with daddy," Marion said after the ceremony. "The King looked very fine, and I was very thrilled indeed."

Her father, Patrick Cummins, a radio operator, was awarded the insignia of a member of the civil division of the order of the British Empire for his courageous conduct when the merchant vessel Tairora was sunk by the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee. He placed ashore by the Graf Spee at Montevideo.

Little Sarah was equally thrilled when her father Captain Eric Stevens, wearing his naval uniform was decorated. She received the Royal Red Cross in recognition of exceptional devotion displayed in nursing in Royal Air Force hospitals at home and abroad.

One woman, Miss Gladys Taylor, was among those decorated. She received the Royal Red Cross in recognition of exceptional devotion displayed in nursing in Royal Air Force hospitals at home and abroad.

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, April 2.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:—
Vancouver 37 57
Calgary 25 34
Regina 27 34
Winnipeg 19 43
Toronto 29 44
Ottawa 30 32
Montreal 30 37
Quebec 30 37
Saint John 27 44
Halifax 28 37
Charlottetown 29 32

FORECAST
Maritime Provinces: Moderate north and northwest winds, but not much change in temperature.

SYNOPSIS
The weather has been fair and comparatively mild over the greater part of Ontario, and it has been a little milder in Manitoba, while in Saskatchewan and Alberta it continues moderately cold with snow and rain occurring in many districts.

High tide this morning at 8:00 and this evening at 7:42.
Sun sets this evening at 6:29 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:36.

New moon April 7, 4:18 p.m.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS
Bass Harbor, 9:45 A.M., 1:00 P.M. Levers, Tormentine 11:00 A.M., 3:05 P.M.

Australia To Cut Heavily On Canadian Fish

(By R. K. Carnegie, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
OTAWA, April 2.—(CP)—From the salmon canneries in British Columbia to the sardine and kippered herring plants of New Brunswick, new Australian import restrictions affecting Canada and Sydney despatches estimate they will reduce Canadian sales in that dominion by more than \$3,000,000 annually.

The restrictions are designed to leave more sterling exchange available for war purchases and one Canadian trade official said tonight these and other similar wartime measures are hitting Canada's trade on many sides.

Last year Canada sold Australia \$2,000,000 worth of goods and bought only \$1,000,000 from that country. This heavy balance of trade against Australia frequently has been the cause of protest from Australian statesmen who urged Canada to buy more from the sister dominion.

Canada's Australian imports have been gaining somewhat, but the growth has been slow and yesterday the Australian restrictions to protect the sterling reserves in London went into effect, slicing Canadian trade with Australia.

The sterling area includes the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India and the colonies. It is one unit for exchange purposes and the drain on the reserves is the same whether the buyers are in Australia or the United Kingdom.

more than the dominion buys from it and accordingly there is a constant movement of sterling to buy Canadian dollars. The new restrictions result from a general tightening up so that more sterling will be available for wartime purchases.

Norwegian Tells Of North Sea Battle

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, April 2.—(AP)—The Danish radio reported tonight that the captain of a Norwegian ship, reaching the port of witnessing a battle between two large cruisers in the North Sea Monday afternoon.

The captain was quoted as saying that the two cruisers, about five miles apart, fired at least 12 shots at each other. He said he was unable to identify the cruisers or to see the outcome of the fight, because he hid his ship out of the battle zone.

Coming Events

Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
*Show and Dance, Cardigan Hall, Friday 8th. L-36-4-3-21.
*South Millon Womens Institute cake sale at Holman's Saturday, April 6. L-47.

*Leading live hogs at North Wiltshire, April 5th from 10:30 a. m. until 1 p. m. Regah Bagnall, Mervyn Beaman. L-46-4-3-21.
*Fox Meats—Ground Meat 5c. Horse Meat 3c. Beef Tripe 3½c. Hog Flukes 2½c. Island Cold Storage Company.

*Buying live hogs at Albany April 4th, Friday April 5th at Emera, until noon. Signed G. C. Green.

*Associated Study Clubs Pownal Garage Hall, Friday night at 8. Messrs. Wright and Lockey will give address. L-33-4-3-11.

*Buy P. E. I. Coop. Hatchery chicks. Special 1940 prices, hatches coming out twice weekly, also special prices on brooders equipment. (Signed) P. E. I. Coop. Chick Hatchery. L-256-4-1-41

*Leading live hogs Thursday, April 4 as follows: Kensington till 3 p. m., Summerside 10 a. m. till 1 p. m.; Mervyn Beaman and Ray Bagnall, Hunter River Friday till noon. McEwen and Campbell. L-45.

Criticism Of British Food Policy

LONDON, April 2.—(CP Cable)—Criticism of the Government's food policy, particularly concerning Canadian bacon, was voiced in the House of Commons today by John Morgan, Labor, who began a debate on food prices and the cost of living.

Mr. Morgan asserted the head of the bacon department was a man who had sought previously to secure control of the Bacon Board to prevent the cooperative movement from setting up its own factories. It was a mistake to introduce into the business a man who was in charge of the Canadian Bacon board before the war, he argued.

"We are surrounded by Canadian bacon, some of which has gone sour," he declared, while at the same time a deputation of Danes has been confronted with a Government decision to cut their imports by 30,000 hundredweight of Canadian bacon for the year 1940.

When the active service votes were counted earlier in the day and with five civilian polls unreported, Day and his New Democracy opponent, Victor Quech, were tied with 3,731 votes each.

Day went one vote up when the 109th of the 203 polls reported.

Close Contest In Alberta Seat

EDMONTON, April 2.—(CP)—A. M. Day, Liberal, edged in front by one vote today in Acadia, where the closest contest in the Dominion election still is undecided.

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Explosion In T. N. T. Plant Kills Three

LONDON April 2.—(CP)—An earth-quaking explosion heard 10 miles away killed three persons and injured five today in a T. N. T. plant of a munitions factory in Scotland.

Fire followed the blast, the fifth in British powder and armament works since the outbreak of the war. Thirty-three have died in the five explosions.

Late tonight the fire was extinguished and one of the bodies had been recovered.

BACK 14 YEARS FOR CAUSE
LINGTON, England.—(CP)—Henry John Griffiths, 74, died of injuries received in an accident 14 years ago, a coroner's jury decided here when he smothered himself in a fit.