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REDS RALLY IN MIGHTY TANK BATTLE

8th Army Continues Advance Along Adriatic Coast

Fire Wrecks Quarter Of Halifax Business Block

HALIFAX, Dec. 12 — (CP) — A three-alarm fire gutted a quarter of a city business block and forced several hundred servicemen and their feminine companions to flee a second-storey restaurant shortly before midnight here Saturday night. Damage was unofficially estimated at over $100,000. One policeman was overcome by smoke fumes and was taken to hospital but later returned to his post.

Firemen—forced to work in below freezing weather—remained at the scene of the blaze until eight o'clock this morning, though they had had the fire under control since 4 a.m. Exact cause of the fire was unknown tonight but it was believed by police to have started from film stored in the rear of a picture studio, Meyers Studios, Maritimes, Ltd., one of the places of business destroyed by the blaze.

Patrons were forced to flee the Bon Ton Cafe, large Chinese-operated restaurant. The fire was first discovered immediately below the restaurant.

Coincident with the fire that tied up several city blocks, was a runaway street car accident that sent eight people to hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Stalled on the side of a steep hill after power company officials had shut off the power during the fire, the tram, whose brakes failed to hold, slid back down the hill and rammed into another stopped tram. Passengers of both cars received a bad shaking up while some received bruises and cuts. The eight injured were soldiers, police said.

Gutted by the all-night blaze were a shoe repair store, a sweet shop, a tailoring establishment—the Bond Clothes Shop—Meyers studios and the Bon Ton Cafe. Scene of the fire was the corner of Barrington and Sackville Streets.

Dense clouds of smoke, weather conditions, and the fear that film in the picture studio might explode impeded firemen in their eight-hour battle.

The second-storey cafe was emptied of its occupants without panic. No one was injured in the evacuation. Little of the furnishings and stock of the the five business establishments affected by the fire was saved, so rapidly did the blaze spread.

City Police Officer Sid Clark collapsed on the pavement after emerging from one of the burning establishments which he had entered in an effort to save articles.

Canadians Shot Down In Cold Blood By Nazis

By DOUGLAS AMARON
C. P. War Correspondent

WITH THE CANADIANS IN ITALY, Dec. 11 — (Delayed) — (CP Cable)—A platoon of Canadian infantrymen, walking forward to accept the surrender of German infantrymen, was "murdered in cold blood" by machine-gunners waiting in ambush on the flank, Canadian troops were informed today.

Attention of all Canadians on the Moro river front has been drawn to the incident by the Canadian commander in a message designed to serve as a warning to all troops to be on their guard when they take prisoners.

The platoon was wiped out yesterday (Friday) after fierce fighting north of San Leonardo. The Germans had put up a stiff battle but eventually raised their arms in surrender.

When the Canadians went forward to round-up the prisoners they were met with a withering fire from ambushing machine-gunners and every man was killed. It was, as the Canadian commander described it, "murder in cold blood."

A similar incident was reported earlier when engineers who built a road over the Moro German snipers picked off stretcher-bearers carrying wounded men from the battlefield, the engineers said.

Maj. R.B. Fraser of Toronto and Montreal, commander of the engineering company, saw it happen and said there was no doubt in his mind that it was deliberate.

"The stretcher bearers were plainly visible and wearing armbands with Red Cross markings," he said. "There was no question the Germans knew what they were doing."

Army Discontinues Using St. John Milk

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Dec. 12—(CP) — Contamination of milk in this city has resulted in an order for all military personnel at Saint John and Camp Utopia to discontinue using milk supplied by Saint John dairies. The army will use canned or powdered milk. A medical authority said the contamination apparently occurs after pasteurization and probably is caused by untrained workers.

COMING EVENTS

**Concert at York Point School Dec. 21st 12-13-11.

**Marshfield School Concert Dec. 22nd at 8 p.m.

**Dunstaffnage Christmas Concert December 20th. 12-13-11.

**Millview School Concert in Hall, December 17th. 12-13-16.

**Warren Grove School Concert Friday Dec. 17 at 8.30. 12-13-11.

**Christmas Concert Pownall Hall, December 22nd. 12-13-18.

**Christmas Concert and Dance, Orwell Cove Hall, December 22nd. 12-13-21.

**Christmas Concert at Hartsville Hall Tuesday, Dec. 21. 12-13-11.

**New Dominion Concert, Afton Hall, Thursday, Dec. 23rd. 12-13-11.

**Central Royalty School Concert Tuesday night, Dec. 21. 12-13-11.

**Concert, Hampshire School, Monday, December 20th. If stormy, Tuesday. 12-13-11.

**Suffolk Christmas Concert, December 21st. If stormy following night. 12-13-11.

**Wanted to buy live and dressed chickens and fowl. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Co. Ltd. 8-26-tf

**Loading live hogs for Davis & Fraser every Thursday afternoon at Albany and Friday fornoon at Emerald. G. C. Green and A. C. Green. 12-13-31.

***Borden Line Shipping Club loading hogs at Albany every Tuesday 11 to 3. Trucking service cancelled owing to road conditions. J. George MacKay, Secretary. 12-7-13-14-31.

To Name Ship After Insulin Discoverer

TORONTO, Dec. 12—(CP)—Dr. H. J. Cody, president of the University of Toronto, announced Saturday that a United States liberty ship will be named after Sir Frederick Banting, famed co-discoverer of insulin who was killed Feb. 20 1941 in a plane crash.

Dr. Cody said he had been advised by Hon. Leighton McCarthy Canadian ambassador to the U.S. that the Sir Frederick Banting will be launched Dec. 20 at Baltimore, Md. and will be christened by Lady Banting, now a private in the C.W.G.

Airmen Have Respect For 8th Army Men

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY, Dec. 12—(CP)—Canadian airmen in the central Mediterranean theatre of war have a tremendous respect for the Eighth Army in general, particularly the "footsloggers."

Under a reciprocal arrangement between the Royal Air Force and Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's Empire force airmen nowadays are getting a chance to see how the army works and front line troops are going back to live with fliers whose job is to support the infantry and help clear a path through the German defence lines.

So far, the exchange, at least on the air force side has been limited mainly to Kittyhawk pilots, since their type of work is closely linked with the army. It is planned, however, to extend the system shortly to include Spitfire pilots. The latest converts to the belief that the "bloke on the ground has the dirtiest job" include PO. J. (Tex) Gray of San Antonio, Texas, member of the R.C.A.F. flying with R.A.F. squadrons.

"Oh boy!" said the sandy Texan, "what those Eighth Army boys go through! Was I happy to see my little bed again, under a dry roof, after that experience. We think sometimes that we have a tough job, but we are not in the same class with the infantry when it comes to roughing it."

The American said he bumped into some "nice fellows," including Capt. R. G. Simms of Woodstock, N.B.

"They certainly looked after me swell," he added, "but they can have their job, brother I would rather stick to dive-bombing."

Nazi Assaults Fail To Halt Allied Push

By Edward Kennedy

ALGIERS, Dec. 12 — (A P) — Troops of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British 8th Army in Italy "continued to advance in the coastal sector," where Canadian units spearhead the push, an Allied communique said today, adding the advance was made under unfavorable weather conditions. It reported only local activity on the 5th Army front at the other end of the line.

The advance, unspecified in the communique, was limited by savage German counter attacks which were smashed back at both ends of the line Saturday with British artillery taking a heavy toll, especially of tank led Nazi assault troops along the Adriatic.

Battlefront advices said this fierce German recoil brought the 8th army advances toward Pescara and Chietia to a virtual standstill but Montgomery's troops managed to extend their Moro River bridgehead in the San Leonardo area. San Leonardo on the north bank of the Moro River and two miles inland from the Adriatic, is about 10 miles southeast of Pescara while Chieti is seven miles southwest of Pescara.

Canadians took San Leonardo in fighting as bitter as any of the Italian campaign, headquerters announced Saturday. Continuing up the coastal highway they were reported fighting in the outskirts of Ortona, about eight miles southeast of Pescara, their next objective. Today's communique made no mention of the Ortona fighting.

In one area, an 8th army battalion buried 200 enemy dead strewn over the ground from which the Germans had been dislodged.

Detailing bitter fighting on the 8th army front, Saturday's communique said " a second bridge-

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Tito Appeals To Mountain Fighters

LONDON, Dec. 12—(AP) — Marshal Josip Broz (Drug Tito) dramatically appealed to his scattered mountain fighters today to rise up everywhere and wage desperate battle against a major German drive to crush the Yugoslav guerillas.

"The moment nas come when all our strength must be devoted to the battle," he commanded in a special order of the day broadcast from his army of liberation headquarters.

"Comrades, fighters and commanders," he appealed. "It should be shown once again that the Yugoslav liberation armies are invincible."

Tito's appeal came as his red-starred forces battled the sixth and strongest Nazi drive to wipe out embattled Yugoslav guerillas.

Cairo authorities have estimated that Tito now commands a loosely-organized army of 200,000 peasants who fight and live off the land, with supplies for the most part seized from the Germans and Italians.

The Cairo sources estimate that his bands are pinning down as many of Marshall Erwin Rommel's Nazi divisions as are being engaged by both the 5th and 8th armies in Italy.

This possible indication of a worsening position of his armies came, too, just as Tito was emerging as a recognized ally of the United Nations.

Japs Retreat Before Victorious Chinese

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 — (AP)— A retreating Japanese army clogged the winding escape road northeast from Changteh today, bombed and straffed by Chinese planes in the closing phase of what appeared to be one of China's greatest victories.

As this threat to one of China's richest food belts and to the provincial Hunan capital of Changsha eased at least temporarily, speculation here turned to yesterday's Chinese high command announcement that a Chinese force had driven to within 30 miles of the great enemy base of Hankow, the heart of the Japanese dominated area.

Today's communique did not mention the column which was reported to have struck out in Hankow's direction last week, and it was not clear here whether the drive was part of a diversionary movement or had special significance.

There was some speculation the Chinese may attempt to reake the great base as part of general Allied strategy.

War Situation Last Night

By Elton C. Fay, Associated Press War Analyst

The grogginess which Gen. Arnold predicts will overcome the bomb-battered German should begin to show strongly in the second phase of invasion of the European continent.

Unfortunately he may be on his feet and swinging hard in the first round, when the initial assault wave of Allied forces hit the beaches.

Arnold, chief of the United States army air forces, in a recent press conference in Italy, suggested that if the Germans are not knocked out of the war by the time of a new Allied landing in Europe "they are going to be too groggy" from air attacks to put up much of a fight.

Among military men, there is a disposition to interpret Arnold's prediction as referring to the over-all invasion program rather than to mean that the actual landings on the western shores of Europe will meet with little or no opposition.

It is to be presumed that the German "Atlantic wall" is well manned and exists in great depth. There would seem to be strong reason to expect fierce resistance to the initial landings.

The Allies have some experience at establishing beachheads. Some of it was gained at Dieppe and at scattered points along the French North African coast. More recently, lessons have been learned in the American seizure of the Japanese-held Gilbert Islands. Despite 2,900 tons of bombs and shells hurled into a mile-square area before landings were attempted, the defenders in pillboxes and dugouts were alive to put up fierce resistance.

The grogginess resulting from prolonged air attack should show when a breach appears in the Atlantic wall and the invasion tide begins to roll through. Counter-attack is the defensive weapon used in that phase, an effort to roll the opposition into the seas. A counter-attack, however, calls for huge and quickly obtained supplies of reserves and supplies. There is the key to what Arnold means.

Russia And Czechs In Friendship Pact

LONDON, Dec 12—(CP)—Russia and the Czecho-Slovak government took the first great stride today toward erecting a solid barrier against future German aggression in eastern Europe by binding themselves together in a treaty of friendship, mutual assistance and post-war collaboration.

The far-reaching agreement, which opened the way for Poland also to join in wiping out once and for all any German dream of a drive to the east, was signed at the Kremlin in a ceremony attended by Premier Stalin and Czech President Eduard Benes, the Moscow radio announced. The way may have been paved by the conference of Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin at Teheran.

The brief announcement said details of the agreement would not be published until Tuesday, but the protocol, the contents of which were learned in London before Benes left for the Moscow signing provided that any neighbors of Russia and Czecho-Slovakia which are not aligned with the Germans could come in later.

This was considered here as a flat invitation to Poland to join for she is the only country definitely coming within this category and some Poles here are understood to be favorably inclined.

The new agreement, which is for 20 years duration and is patterned after the Anglo-Russian pact of May 26, 1942, includes a Soviet disclaimer of any intention of Bolshevizing the smaller European countries, it is understood.

Besides Stalin and Benes, the Kremlin signing ceremony was attended by Soviet president Michael Kalinin and Marshal Klementi E. Voroshilov.

The broadcast said that foreign commissar Vyacheslav Molotov signed the document for the Soviet Union and Col. Zdenek Fierlinger, Czecho-Slovak ambassador to Moscow, for his government.

Cold Wave On U. S. Atlantic Coast

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—(AP)—The season's first severe cold wave which resulted in a week-end known death toll of 12 in United States Atlantic coastal states, moderate today, but weather bureau officials predicted the respite would be short with near zero temperatures, high winds, and snow flurries forecast for coastal areas tonight and tomorrow.

Three deaths resulted from exposure, one from fire and the others were brought about by circumstances resulting from the low temperatures and accompanying high winds.

VETERAN ARTIST DIES

TENTERDEN, KENT, England —(CP)— George Samuel Elgood, 92, prominent artist and garden architect, died at his home, Knockwood, here.

Montreal Police, Firemen Threaten Strike Tuesday

MONTREAL, Dec. 12—(CP) Members of Montreal's police, fire and public works departments voted at a meeting tonight to go on strike Tuesday morning unless the city agreed to demands set forth at the meeting.

Chief demand of the municipal employees was recognition by the city of the Cadadian congress of labor as the bargaining agent for the workers.

This War Equals Last In Length On Dec. 16

LONDON, Dec. 12—(AP)—This war, which long ago eclipsed the First Great War in suffering and material destruction, will exceed it in length Dec. 16, and although an Allied victory is certain, the war must go on until it builds a still more terrible monument to human misery.

Starting July 28, 1914, when Austria attacked Serbia, the First Great War ran 1,568 days through Nov. 11, 1918, killing from 10,000,000 to 13,000,000 persons in battle and disease, costing more than $275,000,000 and planting the seeds for its successor—the truly world-wide war.

The new war flared Sept. 1, 1939, when the German army smashed into Poland, and will pass its 1,568th day Dec. 16. Its ghastly debit sheet is still open, but the entries certainly include more than 8,000,000 dead in battle alone plus civilian massacre, slavery, starvation and property ruin not even approached in the preceding conflict.

Was With Marconi At Memorable Event

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 12—(AP)—P. H. Collins, 62-year-old insurance executive who was with Marconi when the first transatlantic wireless message was completed, died Friday.

Collins was a newspaper reporter in his birthplace, St. John's, Nfld., at the time the famous message went through, and when he died he still had in his possession a piece of the tape on which the message was received. He was believed the last person alive who witnessed the memorable event.

He was playing golf at the time of his death, which was attributed to a heart attack.

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Nazis Lose 138 Planes In Big Raid By Yanks On Emden.

LONDON, Dec. 12—(AP)—Canadalan Mosquito planes made a sweep over the Bourges-Avord airfield in France today after the aerial offensive against Germany was carried forward with an R. A. F. Mosquito attack on unspecified western German targets Saturday night and a Saturday day smash at Emden by United States heavy bombers.

The Canadians destroyed a Heinkel III and severely damaged another of these twin-engined bombers that were used by the Germans in the 1940 night raids on Britain. FO. J.R.S. Johnson destroyed the Heinkel while the other was damaged by Flt. Lt. Bob Kipp. None of the Canadian planes was lost during the sweep.

This was the only announced air activity today but Vichy radio said Allied planes had scattered leaflets over Paris urging workers to revolt

The United States Emden raiders downed 138 German fighters while 17 American bombers and three fighters were lost.

(Continental radio stations shut down Sunday night, suggesting new attacks. The federal communications commission in New York said the Bremen, Friesland and Luxembourg stations had gone off the air. The BBC said the station at Hilversum in the Netherlands also shut down abruptly.)

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Brazil To Send Expeditionary Force Overseas

ALGIERS, Dec. 12 — (A P) — Gen. Mascarenhas de Morais of the Brazilian general staff announced today that Brazil is sending ground forces and air force units to serve with Allied troops in Europe or Africa.

Gen. Mascarenhas heads a party of 13 Brazilian officers who conferred at Allied force headquarters preliminary to the dispatch of the first expeditionary force ever sent overseas from a Latin America republic.

The ultimate destination, date of departure or arrival and the size and composition of the Brazilian force were not disclosed.

Mascarenhas is going to Brazil soon to take command, and return with a large unit of the expeditionary force.

He said that where the Brazilians went into action would depend upon the Allied commander in chief under whose orders they are to be placed.

Mascarenhas said Brazilians were eager to do their share toward defeat of the Axis.

"Brazil in view of her arrangements has turned toward war spontaneously, and so has the army," he said.

GRAIN-LADEN SHIP LOST

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 12—(AP) —The Canadian freighter "Sarnian," which went aground in a gale Friday off the east coast of the upper Michigan Peninsula, cracked amidship last night and the crew had to abandon the vessel. Pounded by a high sea with the temperature near zero after having gone aground on a reef off Point Isabelle, the barley-laden ship first gave way yesterday afternoon and then suddenly cracked in two.

Counter-Attack Nazis Driving Towards Kiev

LONDON, Dec. 13 — (Monday) — (A P) — Russian forces rallying in one of the mightiest, continuing tank battles of the war, have lashed out against attacking German forces pounding for Kiev and have retaken several hamlets, killing 1,600 Germans and wrecking 35 tanks, Moscow announced today.

The fighting south and southwest of the town of Malin, about 55 miles west of Kiev, continued early this morning with unabated violence, Tass reported in a Moscow broadcast.

Two hundred miles to the south, the Russians announced they had captured the town of Chigrin at the northern end of their Kremenchug bridgehead and captured eight more populated places in their drive for the industrial town of Korovograd, 15 miles west of Russian advance guards. They were also reported fighting in the streets of Cherkasy, 35 miles farther north.

The Moscow Sunday midnight communique supplement, recorded by the Soviet Monitor from a broadcast gave new details of the battle for the Kiev Bulge as German Field Marshal Fritz Von Mannstein tried vainly for a breakthrough with almost 2,000 tanks and many divisions of infantry.

In another sector the Russians, apparently on the counter offensive, disloged the Germans from several populated places, killed 1,000 more Germans, destroyed 28 tanks, four self propelled guns and 40 trucks.

The Red Army was using self-

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FATALITIES AT ST. JOHN'S

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD., Dec. 12—(CP Cable)—Icy streets caused two traffic fatalities here Saturday.

A Canadian army vehicle struck and killed Patrick McGrath, 64, of Torbay while he was crossing a street, and a young girl, Louise Curry, was fatally injured when a bus struck her while she was sliding on the street.

EDUCATIONIST PASSES

ST. JOHN'S NFLD., Dec. 12—(C PCable)—Israel J. Semon, 64, Newfoundland's secretary of education, died Saturday night after suffering a cerebral haemorrage. His position corresponded to that of a Canadian Deputy Minister.

Dies Aboard Train

TRURO, N.S., Dec. 12—(CP)—A man identified as C H. Boudreau of (135 Archibald St.) Moncton, N. B., was found dead in his berth aboard a train reaching here today.

His death was discovered by a porter who had gone to Boudreau's berth to rouse him.

News Briefs

PEARL HARBOR, T.H., Dec. 12—(AP)—Twenty marines and two navy radiomen were killed and 29 others injured when two navy planes collided and dropped a bomb on a force of marines training on Maui Island southeast of Oahu last Tuesday, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said tonight.

MADRID, Dec. 12—(AP)—Pope Pius will broadcast his usual Christmas eve message to the world over the Vatican radio, the Spanish News Agency said Saturday in a dispatch from the Vatican.

SEALS, GA., Dec.12—(AP) — One person was reported killed and about 20 injured tonight in a derailment of the Seaboard Airlines's crack northbound passenger train, the Sun Queen, near a pass switch 24 miles from here.

A CARIBBEAN PORT, Dec. 12—(AP)—Germans operating in Caribbean waters have sunk five ships within a month, it was disclosed with the announcement by United States Navy authorities that a small Panamanian freighter was torpedoed a few days ago.

Report Rommel Made Anti-Invasion Chief

LONDON, Dec. 12—(CP) — German reports reaching Stockholm today said Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the "desert fox" of north Africa and one of Germany's outstanding defence strategists, had been named anti-invasion chief to prepare for the Allied attack on western Europe.

Rommel, who has been directing the over-all command of German troops both in the Balkans and Italy, has been reported inspecting Denmark's coastal defences all week.

Rommel has gone to Norway after making his inspection in Denmark, the Danish press service reported.

Berlin dispatches said that although tension still is great in the Balkans over a possible Allied land invasion, German military experts expect the biggest Allied attack in the west.

The Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau, reporting Rommel's appointment, said Nazi commanders viewed the defence of western France and northern Germany as more important than northern Italy.

Maine—Partly cloudy and colder Monday with light snow flurries in mountain sections. Fair and colder Monday night. Tuesday fair and continued cold. Strong winds Monday diminishing slowly Monday night.

High tide this afternoon at 1.28 and tonight at 1.40.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5.18 and rises tomorrow morning at 8.30.

Last quarter moon Dec. 19, 4.03 p.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton

Leave Charlottetown 7.35 a. m. 12.00 noon. 4.30 p. m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1.10 p. m. 5.45 p. m. 7.05 p. m.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Charlottetown 12 noon.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.45 p. m.

U-Boat Pack Defeated In Furious 48-Hour Battle

By James F. King

LONDON, Dec. 12 — (AP) —In a furious 48 hour day and night battle in the North Atlantic, British, Canadian and American planes and warships beat off a pack of at least 20 German U-boats recently, sank five, damaged three and brought two valuable convoys through virtually without loss.

The submarines fought back wildly with their newly installed anti aircraft guns, forcing down two Allied planes, but a joint admiralty - air ministry communique Saturday said "more than 99 per cent of the total number of escorted ships reached the harbor in safety."

British destroyers and corvettes escorting the convoys escaped without a single casualty.

Heroic Navigator

The heroism of a Canadian navigator in an R. C. A. F. Sunderland bomber enabled the bomber to attack and seriously damage one U-boat.

The navigator, FO. Chesley B. Steeves of Elgin, N. B., although fatally wounded, stayed at his post to plot the Sunderland's course and enable it to deliver the attack. Then he died. The bomber was hit by anti-aircraft fire from one submarine and forced to alight on the water. It went under, taking with it Lt. P. T.

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