

ROYAL AIR FORCE SMASHES AT GERMAN PORTS DUCHE'S TROOPS ATTACKED BY BRITISH FLIERS

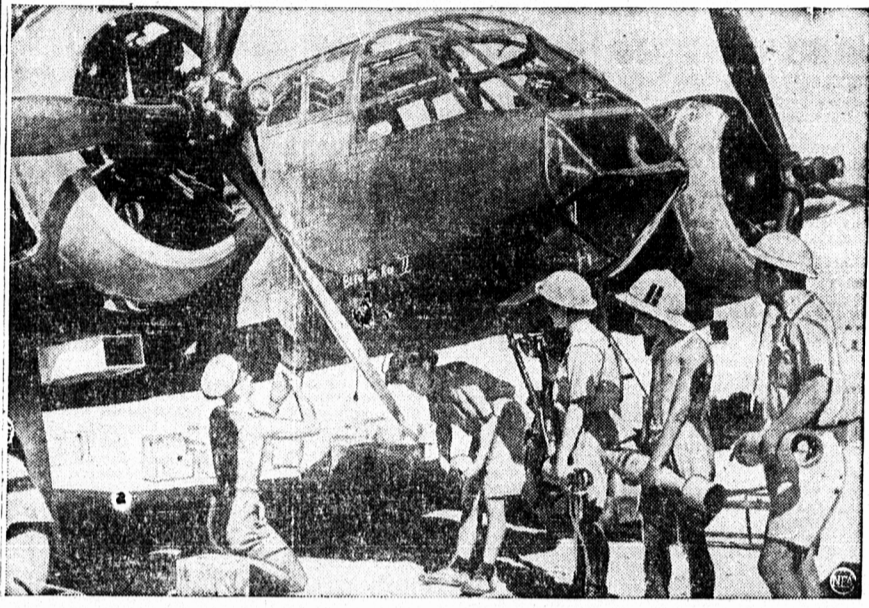
ITALIANS TAKE HARD POUNDING IN DESERT

CAIRO, Egypt, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The Royal Air Force heavily attacked Fascist desert troops at Sidi Barrani, 60 miles inside the Egyptian frontier today, military headquarters announced. The British aerial counter-attack extended from the newly-won Italian base clear along the Mediterranean coast into Libya, it was said officially. Smeared out especially for bombardment were heavy artillery and other equipment, which the Fascists had moved into Sidi Barrani. Italian planes lifted to meet the British, but were ineffective in the series of raids, the same sources said. The Italians were busy attempting to get their cannon into position when bombs rained among them. At least 10 fires were started in attacks on Italian transports at Bahariya further west, the second city the Italians occupied in the Egyptian offensive. At Bahariya, about 350 miles west of Sidi Barrani, British officials said Italy's biggest military airbase in North Africa went up in flames after the R.A.F. swept down upon them. Fires could be seen 20 miles away. In other Mediterranean operations the R.A.F. announced four enemy planes were shot down, two of which were Junkers participating in an attack on the British sea base at Malta.

C.A.S.F. Gets Ready For Part In Offensive

By Edwin Johnson Canadian Press Staff Writer SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Sept. 18.—(CP Cable)—Lt.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, commander of the Canadian 1st division, today told newsmen that the Canadian troops now "have a positive job of defence but we are also building a sound instrument for offence." Gen. McNaughton accompanied Maj.-Gen. the Duke of Gloucester on a tour of the advance defensive area in which he inspected a Canadian machine-gun unit from Saskatchewan. Sirens warned an alert and dogfights raged in the sky as the inspection proceeded. The Canadian unit, lined up in a quadrangle, presented arms and buglers sounded the royal salute as the Duke, Gen. McNaughton and senior staff officers of his corps appeared. Gen. McNaughton said the Germans are losing their advantage and Britain is growing stronger in manpower as each day passes. He said industry had grappled successfully with the tremendous problem of accelerating supplies and that "every day we feel we are in a better situation than ever before." "We are not losing sight of the importance of carrying the war abroad," Gen. McNaughton said. "At the moment we have a positive job of defence but we are also building a sound instrument for offence." He declared the Canadian 2nd division, in training in Britain under Maj.-Gen. Victor Odlum, is "coming along splendidly." "The people of Canada no doubt were anxious to establish an all-Canadian corps as soon as possible, he said, but on the other hand, the G.O.C. was anxious that the 2nd division should have ample opportunity to complete its training. It is following a so-called schedule. The division's role was allotted and it would play its part should an emergency arise. "Every one of our men attempted to bomb our roads we shall find ways of getting around them," he said. "These are some of the things being done by the Canadians, but there are plenty of other surprise packages for the Germans which of course cannot be disclosed."

R.A.F. Knows The Answers To Italian Challenge



Italy's invasion of Egypt and advance toward the Suez Canal is constantly harassed by British troops. Newly arrived photo, above, shows R.A.F. flyers in Egypt leading bombs aboard a big B-24 bomber, preparing a deadly answer to 11 Duce's challenge.

Heartening Points On Air Warfare

By Kirke L. Simpson Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—(AP)—A dreadful moonlight sonata of German bomb attack battered Londoners as the fourth month of the battle of Britain opened today. How many civilian lives were lost in this deluge of destruction, which descended on the great city for nearly 10 hours, can only be conjectured. Yet there are circumstances surrounding the fight for air mastery that are definitely heartening for Britons, whatever the London casualties. The prompt repulse by Royal Air Force fighters of Nazi planes which sought to make a follow-up flight to London in the daytime emphasizes Prime Minister Churchill's contention that daylight mastery of the air is the "crux" of the battle. Neutral eye witnesses in posts of vantage on Britain's channel coast reported that the Nazi follow-up daylight flight, estimated to include 300 or more planes was more heavily escorted by German fighter ships than any previous thrust. Yet it was quickly turned back short of London. Daylight air mastery over Britain appears farther from Germany's grasp today than it was June 18, when the battle of Britain began with the surrender of France. Britain's air minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, has issued specific figures on losses for the period from Aug. 8 to Sept. 18. Against 621 British planes of all types downed, he announced that 1,867 Nazi aircraft had been destroyed. Against less than 600 Royal Air Force flying personnel lost, he scored against Germany 4,000 airmen killed or captured. The Sinclair figures presumably include British bombers and their crews brought down in counter raids over the channel and in Germany. If so, casualties among Royal Air Force fighter pilots, the vital personnel element, would be far less than the 600 fliers he mentioned. A substantial number of British fighter pilots who are the down bail out safely to fight again.

Great Flashes Of Flame Seen As Bombs Strike

Damage To Enemy Areas Believed Great As Counter-blows Delivered. By Douglas Amaron Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON, Sept. 18.—(CP Cable)—Along the stretch of French coastline facing Dover great flashes and sheets of flame were seen tonight as the Royal Air Force smashed at the German ports from which an invasion may be launched at Britain. Observers reported they believed it was the most violent attack yet carried out by R.A.F. bombers on this section of the German-held coast. Boulogne-sur-Mer, a key French port, was believed to be the main objective, as it has been repeatedly bombed during the last few weeks. Gun flashes stabbed the waterline. Shell bursts from anti-aircraft guns could be seen as searchlights swept the sky. The rain began soon after 9 p.m. (5 p.m. A.D.T.) and as it developed the French coast seemed ablaze. Fresh waves of British bombers spread the attack to Calais where big fires broke out casting a red glow into the night sky. The British raiders were using parachute flares to locate their targets. The Air Ministry said that "while the potential invasion spearhead—the French, Belgian, Netherlands and channel coast, ships, barges, docks, harbors and gun emplacements—received yet another terrific onslaught other forces of the R.A.F. bombers flew northeast to pound the right wing of the enemy's line in Hamburg, and to aid further the destruction of strategic railway yards and junctions and long Germany's western frontier." A fire quarter of a mile long was left blazing on the west side of the basin at Calais and the lesser fires were started at other parts of the waterfront. A salvo of bombs on the east side of the Basin Carnot caused "an immediate explosion and about 60 others," the Air Ministry said. Big gun emplacements in the region of Cap Gris Nez were heavily attacked and many pilots saw bombs exploding well within the target area. A heavy bomb landed on a Dunkerque dock; smaller ones straddled other docks. Repeated salvos struck the tidal basin, the sides of the approach channel and railway yards at Kield, Ham, Euxin, Osnabruck, Soest and Brussels Yards at Stockton, northeast of Cologne, also were attacked, as well as the Mdlum and Westermunde airdromes.

More "Over-age" U. S. Destroyers In Canadian Port

AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT, Sept. 18.—(CP)—United States crews tonight remained in possession of the second group of "over-age" U.S. destroyers to arrive in Canada, but it was expected they would be added formally to the Royal Navy before the end of the week. The destroyers, part of 50 veterans of the first Great War, had been transferred to Britain in return for naval and air base sites in the British West Indies, arrived here today. They followed 12 days behind the original flotilla, which was turned over to the British fleet Sept. 9. Royal Navy officers said that as in the case of the first group, there would be no display of ceremony in connection with the changing of the flags. At an appointed hour, the Stars and Stripes will be hauled down from the destroyers, and British flags will march aboard to replace their American crews. The U.S. sailors on the first flotilla spent a few days showing their opposite numbers the ropes on their ships, and it was expected the new arrivals would do the same. The ships are fundamentally similar to some classes in the British Navy, and the tars learn their operations quickly. The ships arriving today missed the tropical storm that swept the Atlantic seaboard this week, endangering shipping. They were held in port until the gale had blown past the coast, and officers said the passage was "relatively quiet."

Mexico Hears Villalva Takes Field In Revolt

CHIHUAHUA, Cif. Chi., Mex. Sept. 18.—(AP)—Officials today awaited confirmation of reports that Lt. Col. Cruz Villalva, Almazan-backed candidate for governor, had taken the field against the federal government. Rumors were that Villalva was at the head of a band of mountain sharpshooters about 100 miles south of here. Military officers expressed skepticism over the reports, but said 500 cavalrymen and infantrymen and three airplanes have been sent to the area to investigate. Estimates of the number of men reported to be in revolt reached 200. The federal troops were armed with machine guns.

Accepts Girls For First Time In College History

CHATHAM, N. B., Sept. 18.—(CP)—For the first time in its history St. Thomas College is accepting girls as students this year with the opening of a freshman class. Each year another class will be added in order eventually to provide complete facilities for young ladies wishing to take a University course at St. Thomas. The College opened this month with a total enrollment of 200 students, a considerable increase compared with last year.

Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word. *Come to the Dance Morell Hall, Friday, September 20th. St. Avaris Orchestra. L-285-9-18-21. **Dance! Fortune Hall, Friday Sept. 20. New orchestra. L-207-9-18-31. *Dance, New Perth Hall, Monday September 23rd. Webster Orchestra. L-323-9-19-11. **Rummage Sale Saturday, Sept. 21st. Y. M. C. A. 6.30. L-310-9-19-11. *Dance St. James Hall, Summerside, Friday, Sept. 20. Summerside Orchestra. Lunch served. L-300-9-18-21. *Bingo, Dance, Free Lunch, St. Patrick's School, Lot 22 Friday, September 20th. Not here Monday, September 23rd. L-308-9-19-11. *Come to Patriotic Red Cross Concerts by Carry On Canada group at Murray River, 19th; Cavendish, Harrington, Mt. Herbert and Grand View, 20th; Clifton, 23rd; Montague 24th. L-244-9-18-91. **Collecting live hogs as usual Thursday and Friday every week, Emerald, Albany, and all surrounding districts. Send postcard or phone collect A. C. Green, Albany, G. C. Green, Emerald. L-66-9-10-11.

British Sub Overdue, Is Believed Lost

LONDON, Sept. 18.—(CP)—The Admiralty announced tonight that the mine-laying submarine Narwhal is overdue, and must be presumed lost. The Narwhal was one of a group of six of the Porpoise class which left the Clyde on Sept. 15. She was completed in 1936 at a cost of £348,365 and carried a normal complement of 55. She was built by Vickers-Armstrong, had a displacement of 1,520 tons and armament of one four-inch gun two machine guns and six 21-inch torpedoes. The announcement gave no details. It said: "The Board of Admiralty regret to announce that H.M. submarine Narwhal (Lieut. R. J. Burch, D.S.O.) is overdue and must be considered lost. The next of kin have been notified."

U. S. May Be Plunged Into War Any Time

MONTREAL, Sept. 18.—(CP)—Any night something may happen on the high seas that will plunge the United States into the war, James M. Morehouse, assistant general manager of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, said in an interview here today. A veteran of the last war, who spent some time with the American army of occupation in Germany, Morehouse is in Montreal on a vacation. He drew a parallel between the present situation in the United States and that of 1917. "Roosevelt is talking and acting as Wilson did then," he said. "We had our preparedness parades then and were strengthening the National Guard. People asked why. They are asking the same question now. Any night something may happen on the high seas that will plunge America into the struggle." LONDON—Hearing agonized cries of "help, help!" firemen battered their way through the wall of a wrecked house while German bombers circled overhead. They rescued a bald-headed, profane parrot.

London Bombed Heavily; Toll Of Casualties High One Latest-type German Bomber Included In 46 Downed During Day.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—(Toronto)—(CP Cable)—German raiders mercilessly bombed London early today, coming over the capital in increasing numbers as the 12th consecutive overnight raid stretched into the dawn hours, and leaving behind them a vast train of destruction. Thundering tons of high explosives showered on the battered capital and its suburbs and there was a mounting toll of casualties. More planes took part in the raid than in the Tuesday-Wednesday overnight assault which caused heavy casualties. But while the Germans dumped their bombs on London, British bombers were visiting destruction on German bases on the Nazi-held French and Belgian coasts in violent attacks against "invasion ports." The German bombers caused great destruction in the slums of east London in the early phases of the raids. Now they have turned their attention to the fashionable sectors of the capital as well, subjecting them to heavy bombing. London's anti-aircraft gun barrage brought down at least two of the raiders—one of them a Junker 88, Germany's latest type of bombing plane. By 10 p.m. last night the Air Ministry estimated 46 raiders had been downed during the day. The raiders violently strafed the centre of London, dropping fat, blinding oil bombs in an effort to set fires in the city to guide them to their targets. A tremendous explosion jarred a building in central London, a row of houses in north London was demolished; and a heavy bomb fell near a shopping centre, throwing debris high into the air. In the fifth hour of the raid, through a storm of steel thrown up by the anti-aircraft batteries, the Nazis pressed home the attack with increasing violence. Explosive bombs dropped steadily in the heart of

Nazi Anti-aircraft Batteries Almost Silent, Is Report

LONDON, Sept. 18.—(CP Cable)—Pilots returning from raids on the "invasion ports" opposite Britain staged Wednesday reported that German anti-aircraft batteries were virtually silent and that flying conditions were perfect. A second raid on these points Wednesday night apparently provoked stronger anti-aircraft opposition, watch-ers along the southeast coast reported. "We hardly got any opposition at all," said one pilot who took part in the bombing of Ostend. "There were a few searchlights but nothing to worry about. It was just like bombing on practice raids."

Seek To Rescue Crew Of Freighter

(By H. E. Graham, Canadian Press Correspondent) PORT MENIER, Anticosti Island, Que., Sept. 18.—(CP)—Mounting seas breaking over the tonight forced a postponement of rescue work, with the ship's captain and 21 of her crew still aboard. Spray-drenched Islanders brought an additional eight members of the crew ashore in a breeches-buoy during the day, and hoped to complete their rescue work tomorrow. Fifteen men made their way ashore yesterday, after the freighter grounded at the foot of towering cliffs along the coastline of this Gulf of St. Lawrence island. Two attempts were made to launch lifeboats from the freighter today. Both boats were smashed to pieces in the pounding surf, but no lives were lost. Tonight, the vessel had been tossed to within 40 feet of the cliff in front of which she grounded, and was lying broadside to huge breakers whipped by an easterly gale. The wind had abated somewhat, but the seas were still running high. The hold of the Incemore was filled with water, and she was being swept continually by waves that broke clean over her and the 22 men still clinging to her rigging.

On Trans-Canada Tour With Horse

OTTAWA, Sept. 18.—(CP)—Miss Mary Bosquet, a young English woman who left Vancouver by horseback in June, 1939, was in Ottawa today with her horse "Janey." She reached the capital yesterday and in the next two or three days plans to ride on to Montreal. "It has been a wonderful trip," she said, adding that the purpose of the marathon on horseback was to gain material for a book. "People right across the country have been so kind that it has often been hard to say good-bye."

Wheat Buying Has Upswing

WINNIPEG, Sept. 18.—(CP)—Buying interest in wheat again appeared in the wheat pit at the Winnipeg Grain Exchange today for the first time in almost three months after the grain exchange closed on the advice of the Canadian Wheat Board, reduced minimum prices for wheat futures trading by 3-3 1/2 cts. a bushel. Traders jammed the pit as the exchange opened and many stayed in for the whole session, transacting a total business estimated at more than 2,000,000 bushels.

Canada Committed Under Defence Pact

TORONTO, Sept. 18.—(CP)—The Canadian-American agreement to study joint defence measures will commit the United States to co-operate in the defence of Canada but it will also "commit Canada to defend the United States," John MacCormac, Ottawa-born Washington correspondent of the New York Times, told a luncheon audience today. Speaking before the Canadian Club he raised the possibility of the United States at war with Japan. The United States now would have bases available in Canada, not only for the defence of Canada, but for attack on any fleet which should threaten the United States. "Therefore, it would seem in certain contingencies Canada would automatically become a participant in any American war and the choice of neutrality would not be open to her." While he admitted this question might seem academic at the moment, he reminded that "no war lasts forever, and no peace lasts forever." "Would Canada's obligation (to a United States at war) also commit the rest of the British empire? Well, Great Britain, it seems, is pretty well committed by the leasing of her own air and naval bases. I should not be at all surprised next year to see a defence understanding between the United States and Australia and New Zealand."

Active Response Pushes War Loan To 284 Millions

OTTAWA, Sept. 18.—(CP)—Subscriptions for Canada's second war loan moved \$11,593,800 nearer the \$300,000,000 objective today and total subscriptions to date stood tonight at \$284,000,000. The day was marked by the great number of individual subscriptions placed. While no definite closing date for orders has been fixed, it was indicated tonight that the loan books would remain open until the end of this week. Today's increase of \$11,593,800, cash, subscriptions compared with an increase of \$10,048,100 Tuesday. Agencies throughout the country continued to report active response to appeals on behalf of the loan. A feature of today's report was a number of employee subscriptions. Among these were the employees of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, which company is itself the largest single subscriber to the second war loan. Another such subscription came from employees of Montreal Tramways Company. The largest corporation subscription of the day was from Canadian Gypsum Co., Ltd., wholly-owned subsidiary of United States Gypsum Co., for \$250,000. It was also announced that the Locomotive Engineers Mutual Life and Accident Insurance Association of Cleveland, O., had purchased \$25,000 of Dominion of Canada three-percent bonds due June 1, 1953. The United States Neutrality Act precludes the association from buying war bonds. The bonds purchased were issued before Canada's declaration of war.

ONLY A WISE MAN CAN BE A FOOL AND GET AWAY WITH IT



TORONTO, Sept. 18.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 54, Victoria 68, Edmonton 59, Regina 44, Winnipeg 32, Toronto 26, Ottawa 31, Montreal 39, Quebec 32, Saint John 52, Halifax 54, Charlottetown 51.

FORECAST Maritime Provinces: Moderate winds; fair and becoming a little warmer. Synopsis: The weather has continued fair and warm over the greater part of Ontario with scattered showers in northern districts. It has been fair over the Prairie Provinces, warm in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and a little cooler in Alberta. High tide today at 12:30 and tonight at 12:01. Sun sets this evening at 6:04 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:43. Last quarter moon Sept. 24, 1:47 p.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown. THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M. 1:00 P.M., 4:45 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M., 3:15 P.M. SUNDAY SERVICE June 16th to September 29th inclusive. Leaves Borden 9 A.M., 7 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 10:15 A.M., 8:10 P.M. (A.S.T.)