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NAZI TOUQUES RIVER LINE BREAKS

Small Child Lives Four Days In Woods

**Capt. H. G. Aitken
Killed In Action**

News has been received here of the death in action in France of Capt. Henry Gordon Aitken, grandson of the late Mr. Henry Aitken and son of the late Mr. Ed. Aitken of Charlottetown.

Capt. Aitken's wife and young son, Garry, three years of age, are in hospital at Brackley, where the tragic news reached them yesterday.

Capt. Aitken was a nephew of Mr. Reginald Aitken and Mrs. W. F. Champion of Charlottetown. His mother, Mrs. Alfred Bridges, lives in Montreal where Capt. Aitken enlisted at the outbreak of war with an infantry regiment. He was about twenty-seven years of age, and had been serving overseas for about three years.

Capt. Aitken was well known here where he lived before going to Montreal. No details of his death have been received except the official notification that he had fallen in action in France.



Past the gutted church in Bons Tassilly, men of a French Canadian unit advance down the road to Falaise. — (Canadian Army Overseas Photo).

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

Bludgeoned by disaster on all fronts, military and political, there are broad intimations in the news from Europe that the Nazi high command is pulling back on all sides and preparing to stand siege within the Reich itself.

The very nature of "austerity" mobilization orders broadcast for German front attention, despite the glimpse they give of the world of the desperate straits to which Germany has been brought, tends to confirm that impression. Those orders can leave the German people in no doubt that the end is near. What they may do about it as that knowledge sinks in is the greatest remaining unknown factor in the war.

The Romanian collapse merely capped the climax of German military disasters in France, Italy, Poland. Informed opinion on both sides of the Atlantic foresees similar Bulgarian defection from the Nazi Arch, perhaps within hours. Finland is shaking anew with war-escape internal pressure. The low countries, Denmark and Norway, are seething probably under drastically thinned out Nazi garrison forces and quaking quailing regimes.

It matters not whether Paris is yet completely in French patriot and Allied hands, its fate is sealed.

A German flight from the Seine is already afoot. The desperate attempt at a sea escape from Le Havre under lashing Allied air attack for hours indicates that, its fall linked with Nazi loss of Paris, would undermine any possibility of prolonged detouring action east of the Seine to stem an Allied march up the channel coast.

Southward a no less vivid picture of a general German flight from a fast closing Rhone Valley trap is pictured in uncensored advice from the Swiss frontier. American columns are on the Franco-Swiss border northeast of Lyon and knocking at the gates of that upper Rhone Metro. Swiss reports say, seizure of Lyon would trap whatever German forces remain south of the city to oppose expansion of the Allied Mediterranean invasion zone.

Even in Italy there are significant indications of a German withdrawal on the Adriatic flank of the line. Rome reports decreasing resistance to Allied pressure in that zone.

In the east, Nazi efforts to hold open escape corridors from Warsaw are opposed. The city is broadly Russian-encircled north, east and south, and the already punctured Vistula front barring the way to the plains of central Poland is tightening its grip to set off a Nazi flight to the frontiers of Germany itself seems impending.

Heavy Nazi Resistance Met In Paris Area

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 24 (AP)—A French armored division, meeting heavy German artillery resistance, battled in and near the Paris suburbs tonight in its drive to join patriots fighting the enemy in the streets for complete liberation of their capital.

But so far as Allied Headquarters is concerned it has not yet been liberated.

French underground leaders, after four days of street fighting in Paris negotiated an "armistice" with the German garrison but the Germans apparently repudiated the agreement and kept on fighting and the Underground called on the Allies for help.

A directive provides that no field commander can negotiate an armistice with the Germans unless Gen. Eisenhower gives his consent. But apparently the "armistice" negotiations by the French street fighters in Paris were started without previous knowledge of the Supreme Command.

The feeling was expressed at Supreme Headquarters that the Underground operations in Paris and the subsequent call for help resulted in a waste of Allied troops which might well have been employed in operations of greater military significance.

Canucks And British Troops Drive Ahead

By BILL BONI
ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 24 (AP)—Complete liberation of Paris appeared near tonight while far to the northwest of the city the Germans' Touques River line crumbled before a British-Canadian offensive driving remnants of the German 7th army into a pocket no more than 25 miles wide.

It appeared, however, that the bulk of the harried German forces had escaped across the river and were in flight eastward.

There was no official statement on the progress made today by French and American troops speeding to aid French patriots battling Germans inside Paris, but Allied headquarters said the liberating columns bivouacked last night within 10 miles of the city.

Nazis To Close Amusements

LONDON, Aug. 24 (CP)—A new "austerity" order by propaganda minister Goebbels, Reich representative for total mobilization, will close all German theatres, shows, cabarets and theatrical and music schools effective September 1.

Film and radio entertainment will be available only to soldiers and war workers.

Actors, circus performers and others will be drafted into the army.

Goebbels also ordered closing of all art exhibitions, art competitions and German theatres, shows, cabarets and theatrical and music schools effective September 1.

Says Nazis Plan To Shorten Line

LONDON, Aug. 24 (CP-Reuters)—Measures have been taken to concentrate the German western army by shortening the line of resistance falling short of the German frontier, a military commentator of the German D.N.B. agency noted today.

Discontinue Salary For A. R. P. Director

OTTAWA, Aug. 24 (CP)—Under an order issued today, full-time director of civil defence with an \$8,000 yearly salary, becomes part-time without remuneration.

Gen. Ross, former president of the Canadian legion, was appointed to the post and was attached to the order. He is now on leave from his post as president of the Canadian Legion.

The order said there was no longer need for the employment of a full-time director by reason of the organization of the civil defence organization and by reason of the fact that all equipment necessary for the organization has been secured and issued.

Gen. Ross will receive travelling expenses and funds to pay a secretary will be provided.

Gives Verdict Of Accidental Death

A verdict of accidental death was brought in by a coroner's jury yesterday in Summerside in the death of Michael Peter Aug. 23, 1944, who was killed in a level crossing accident on Wednesday at Richmond.

The first witness was J. W. Birch, Summerside, who testified that he saw the truck approaching when it was about two hundred feet away its speed did not appear unusual and a shower of gravel shot up blocking his vision. Witness said that in his opinion the truck did not hit the train at all.

Eleanor Larkin, Richmond said that she saw the accident from the doorway of her home about two hundred yards from the track. She said the truck seemed to smash into the train. Previous to this she had noticed the wig was working.

Const. Phillip Carter, R. C. M. P. said that the truck was a 1944 model Maple Leaf Truck owned by J. J. Williams, Cape Traverse.

Reds Captured 25,000 Prisoners Yesterday

LONDON, Aug. 24 (CP)—Twenty-five thousand prisoners were taken today by two Russian armies which smashed deeper into Romania and captured more than 500 communities, including Chisinau, Moldavian S. S. R. Capital, Moscow announced tonight.

Russian forces plunged to within 58 miles of the Galati Gap, last enemy defence line barring the way to the heart of capitulated Romania.

Soviet front reports said the Axis defence was collapsing after the desertion of Romanian troops.

Today's bag of prisoners made a combined total of 47,000 for the whirlwind five-day offensive.

Dispatches via Switzerland said the German 8th Army between the Frut and Getz Rivers was in imminent danger of being engulfed by the defection of Romania, and that the German 6th Army in Southern Romania also was threatened with entrapment by the Russian detachments pouring down along the eastern side of the Carpathian Mountains.

Boost Potato Industry In Northern Ontario

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Sweden Breaks With Vichy

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 24 (CP-Reuters)—It is officially announced here that Sweden has broken diplomatic relations with Vichy.

Francis Cont, Vichy Charge D'Affaires in Stockholm, in a statement on the break confirmed that Marshal Petain had been arrested by the Germans and removed to Germany.

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Duplessis Gets Another Seat

LA MALBAIE, QUE., Aug. 24 (CP)—Strength of the Union Nationale in the new Quebec legislature rose to 46 seats against the Bloc Populaire four, C.C.F. one and Nationalist one.

7,250 Buzz Bombs Sent Against England

LONDON, Aug. 24 (A P)—The Germans have sent about 7,250 flying bombs, each carrying a ton of explosives, against London and England, the government disclosed tonight as the buzz barrage continued after a lull of several daylight hours.

Hitler's Fortress Is Crumbling Rapidly

By Wes Gallagher
ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 24 (AP)—The defence system of Hitler's European fortress is crumbling and with capitulation of satellites in prospect, American armored columns already driving for the German border, the Germans' only hope now is defence of the Reich itself.

While the Germans have their reorganized 15th Army on the rock of the coast, it had been badly stripped to bolster the 7th Army. It is unlikely it would be able to withstand an Allied onslaught. Military men expect Hitler to fight a rear-guard action from Northern France and Lower Belgium to the Siegfried Line, then base all on an appeal to the people to defend the homeland.

Many Allied military men are of the opinion that a more crushing defeat in battle and the German army—riddled with intrigue and hate—will collapse entirely.

Hitler's defence system was built on the vast territory he dominated in Europe. He planned to trade for time to wear his enemies down and out.

The force and violence of Underground resistance movements, the wavering fair-weather loyalty of his satellites in the east and the uprising by the French Maquis averaging four years of hate and brutality and the lightning Allied ad-

New Loan Quota May Be Higher

OTTAWA, Aug. 24 (CP)—Possibility the government may raise the objective for the coming year's loan above the figure of \$1,200,000,000 at which it stood for the last two loans is seen here.

In view of the fact that the last loan went \$200,000,000 over the objective and that the previous objective is well below the amount the government needs the quota for the new loan may be set a few hundred million higher.

Sqdn.-Ldr. Trainor Reported Missing



Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Trainor, Bedford, received official word Wednesday night that their son, Sqdn. Ldr. Charles Trainor, D.F.C., was missing from air operations which took place on August 16th.

Sqdn. Ldr. Trainor has had a brilliant record in the Air Force. He is credited with seven and a half victories in seven days following the invasion and only recently brought down two Nazi planes.

He was studying law in Charlottetown when he enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in 1940 and went overseas shortly afterwards.

Sqdn. Ldr. Trainor has a brother, Lieut. Jack Trainor, R.C.N.V.R., overseas; two brothers, Capt. Somerset Trainor and Frank Trainor, are in Charlottetown as is also a sister, Bernadette.

Nazis Lose 3,641 Planes Since D-Day

LONDON, Aug. 24 (CP)—Allied airmen since D-Day have destroyed 3,641 planes in the air and on the ground, a force larger than the whole Nazi fleet based in Western Europe as at June 6. However, the Germans had been reinforced since then from the east and south.

In the same period 2,950 Allied craft were lost.

Wood Islands Soldier Reported Wounded In Action

Sgt. William Alexander MacMillan of Wood Islands, serving in France with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders has received what are described officially in a message from Ottawa as severe wounds. The telegram, received yesterday by his father, Mr. Alexander S. MacMillan, said that the nature of wounds was not yet known but promised that additional information would be forwarded as soon as it became available.

Sgt. MacMillan, who has been overseas for some time, was wounded on August 14, the message said.

British View Of End Of Conflict

OTTAWA, Aug. 24 (CP)—The British view of the end of the war is optimistic, Sheila Macdonald, United Kingdom high commissioner to Canada, said today when she returned from Britain.

Mrs. Macdonald, who spent more than two months in London, said the destruction from robot bombs was "terrible" but casualties were not great "as the people are wise enough to avoid them."

FAST WASHING

MELBOURNE (CP)—Australians ingeniously in devising new equipment to meet problems peculiar to the Pacific War is exemplified in a mobile laundry that car wash and dry the tropical kits of 24 men in 25 minutes.

THE REASON THERE AREN'T MORE WOMEN'S ORCHESTRAS, NOBODY WILL PLAY SECOND FIDDLE!



High tide this afternoon at 3.54 and tomorrow morning at 3.49. Sun sets this evening at 7.51 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.13. First quarter moon August 28th 8.30 P. M.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

Charlottetown - Summerside -
Leave Charlottetown 7 a.m.;
11.30 a.m.; 6 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 12.45 p.m.;
5.45 p.m.; 8.40 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Charlottetown 12 noon.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.45 p.m.
Charlottetown - New Glasgow
(Daily except Sunday)
Leave Charlottetown 1 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.50 p.m.

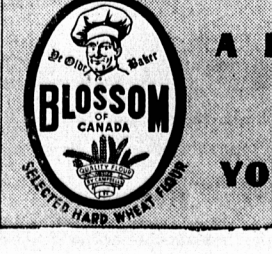
F. E. I.-N. S. FERRY SERVICE
DAILY INCLUDING SUNDAYS
Leave Wood Islands-7.00 A. M.
11.00 A. M. 3.00 P. M.
Leaves Charlottetown - 9.00 A. M. 1.0 P. M. 5.00 P. M.

HOME SCHOOL FEDERATION
MONTREAL, Aug. 24 (CP)—L. A. Dewolfe of Truro, N.S., today was re-elected president of the Canadian national home and school federation. Dr. W. P. Percival, director of Protestant education in Quebec, was elected vice-president for eastern Canada and Dr. S. R. Lavock of Saskatoon was named vice-president for western Canada.

Mrs. J. E. Bainbridge of Toronto was chosen recording secretary and Mrs. K. G. Kern of Vancouver corresponding secretary, with Miss Mattie Harris of Truro treasurer.

MODERN FUEL
LUCERNE, Switzerland (CP)—The "Burgentock" passenger steamer on Lake Lucerne was modernized recently. The Diesel engine now runs on wood gas.

A DEPENDABLE FLOUR FOR ALL YOUR BAKING



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