

Gen. Wilson Commands In Greece

LONDON, April 13 —(CP)—Lt.-Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, six-foot Etonian with 40 years of army service, first man to command a completely mechanized unit in the British army, is in command of the British forces strung along the British-Greek defence line, now in contact with the invading Germans.

A terse announcement from the Ministry of Information tonight divulged this fact but gave no other details, except to say that Gen. Wilson is acting under the Greek Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Papagos.

Only a few weeks ago Prime Minister Churchill paid tribute to him as "one of our finest tacticians."

Gen. Wilson, 59, was appointed Commander-in-Chief of British troops in Cyrenaica and Military Governor of that Libyan province following the capture of Benghazi, which was recently recaptured by a German-Italian thrust.

Gen. Wilson became general officer commanding in chief of the British troops in Egypt in 1939 and was responsible, the Information Ministry said, for the defence of the western desert frontier during the "difficult months after the collapse of France and the entry of Italy into the war."

In 1933 he succeeded Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, now commander of British forces in the Middle East, as commander of the Sixth Infantry Brigade and whipped it into a high-speed striking force of one machine-gun battalion and three rifle battalions—the first completely mechanized unit in the British army.

Gen. Wilson is known among his fellow officers as a man of exceptional initiative. He won the Queen's Medal with two clasps and the King's Medal with one clasp in the South African campaign, while in the First Great War, during which he served as a regimental staff officer, he was mentioned three times in dispatches and awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

17 contracts Awarded

OTTAWA, April 13 —(CP)—Awarding of 17 more construction contracts on which work begins immediately was announced today by the munitions and supply department.

The contracts, approximate cost, type of construction, approximate completion dates, and contractors employed include:

Dockyard, Halifax, \$3,000, railway siding, shortly, Canadian National Railways, Montreal.

Depot, Amherst, N.S., \$800, wood construction, shortly; \$3,400, steel and brick construction, shortly; \$2,500, wood construction, shortly, all Canada Car and Foundry Company.

Royal Canadian Air Force building, Dartmouth, N.S., \$78,000, grading of site, shortly, Acadia Construction Co., Halifax.

Labor Minister Bevin addresses Canadian Soldiers

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SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, April 13 —(CP)—A series of informal lectures for officers and men at Canadian Corps headquarters was founded by Labor Minister Ernest Bevin.

His talk was "off the record" and he gave a straightforward account of the government's plans to draw the labor of millions of men and women closer into the war effort.

His estimate of the progress of British and Empire war industries for the rest of this year was encouraging to Canadians.

A trade unionist in his life and a one-time dock laborer, Mr. Bevin got a laugh when he said: "It's a strange war that transforms dress-shop girls into munition workers, white-collar men into airplane makers and dockers into cabinet ministers."

The Solihull for which the 1st Canadian Division made voluntary contributions now is with a Royal Air Force Squadron. On the fuselage in front of the cockpit is painted a Canadian Maple Leaf and printed under it in five-inch letter is "1st Canadian Division."

Number of camera fans in Canadian corps is becoming phenomenal. On official visits, amateur lensmen in khaki pop up everywhere.

During the 2nd Division visit of the King and Queen, one soldier was sitting in a dentist chair in the back of a truck, acting as a patient. Their Majesties had scarcely turned their backs when the "patient" suddenly came to life, reached under the chair for his camera and snapped away.

Seek to stop Recruits joining DeGaulle's force

VICHY, April 13 —(AP)—French borders were closed tonight to all Frenchmen between 17 and 40 years of age to prevent their leaving the country to join the forces of General Charles de Gaulle, Free French leader.

The order, issued by the cabinet of Premier Petain, but not signed by him, was believed by observers to be in answer to disappointment expressed by Peter Crowley, a Canadian's recent broadcast appealing against fighting France's former allies. In the broadcast Petain failed to mention de Gaulle.

"Every day boats try to leave the coasts of Normandy and Brittany for British ports," a communique said. "Every day our consuls in Spain pick young volunteers from France for the de Gaulle forces."

Besides working as "recruiting agents" for de Gaulle, it was said, "young Frenchmen are carrying on underground activity against German authorities in the occupied zone."

Chile has voted an additional \$5,000,000 to rebuild earthquake areas.



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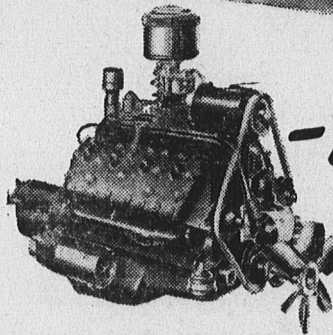


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In Memoriam

MRS. WILLIAM McLEOD

On March 1 at Cheverie, Hants Co., N.S., Mrs. (Rev.) William McLeod passed on to her home of many mansions. Having known her from my boyhood days, I wish to pay a tribute to one whom I have regarded as near to sainthood as we mortals can achieve upon earth.

In those days Mrs. McLeod was an invalid, often confined to bed for months at a time, and from that bedside there radiated a ministry of cheer and faith throughout our community. She was interested especially in young people, and her understanding and belief in them was a constant incentive to growing youth to measure up to that

trust.

For many years before her death she had been unable to walk, yet she managed to guide the affairs of her household, and keep in touch with a wide circle of friends.

Perhaps, her greatest love was the missionary work of the church, and through an invalid, yet she managed to work for and raise considerable sums of money to help this cause.

In everything but physical strength she was the minister's ideal wife, so deeply spiritual, friendly and wise. In all the work of the church she gave loyal cooperation to her husband, and as far as she was able led in active service.

Mrs. McLeod had a remarkably keen mind and kept herself informed on all the world work of the church. With her husband she

served in 17 congregations in the Maritime Provinces, Newfoundland and Quebec.

In 1939 Mr. and Mrs. McLeod celebrated their Golden Wedding when they were honored by hosts of friends from the parishes which they had served.

At the time of her death she was living in the former home of her grandfather. The interment took place in Kempt Cemetery where her parents are buried.

Besides her husband, Rev. William McLeod, she is survived by her only daughter, Mrs. Malcolm Williams, who nursed her during her last illness.—Minster, Canadian Memorial Church, Vancouver.

Because of high building costs and scarcity of building materials, Malaysia has stopped work on most construction projects.

PLANNING SPRING CLOTHES TO CONFORM TO MODERN MODE

NEW YORK.—No timid, retiring fashion is the new neckwear! It's big and important, appearing on daytime dresses, casual dresses, suits, coats and dinner costumes. Big collars! Big Puritans! Big revers and lots of generously ruffled jabots. Most of the new big collars are done in sheer organdies or mousseline de sole with many lucks, row upon row of fine laces and delicate embroidery. Jacobs are the top fashion at present. They ripple from suit fronts. They cascade down dresses. Tailored suits are softened by the frilly jabots. Tied to collars; others to gilets; still others are separate just to

pin or clip to any neckline. Whether of lace, embroidered net, lace edged organdie, embroidered organdie or sheer mousseline de sole, they give any costume feminine flattery.

Sailor collars in the military trend are young and gay in crisp vique. They're trimmed in red and blue braid and stars in navy Beauvais embroidery, or in self-piecing. Worn with little felt berets with military emblems they are particularly fresh looking.

There are also elaborate sailors for dinner dresses—made especially for the important deep V necklines. These are of imported mousseline or organdie, combined with real Val and Chantilly laces or with delicate applique, embroideries.

The Puritan collar in pique or in embroidered organdie is a flatter-

ing shape and gives a demure effect.

Another new use of ruffles is appearing in cascades of sheer organdie rippling from waist to skirt hem—both on daytime and dinner dresses. The ruffles also flutter from the sleeves, leaving the neckline plain.

At a party given for Deanna Durbin at the Miami Biltmore recently this favorite movie star wore lace collar and cuffs on a blue crepe daytime dress. At Palm Beach and Miami many of the smartest women are wearing lingerie touches on prints and pastels—a fashion which will carry on importantly through the spring.

Another new fashion in neckwear is the placing of pique or organdie revers under the wool or crepe fabric revers of dresses and suits.

The dark fabric revers with faint pleated ruffles underneath gives a very new touch—and has the further advantage of keeping the white neckwear clean for a longer time.

For the small person who feels she can't wear the extremely large bows of Irish crocheted lace or tailored pique with matching cuffs. These restrained touches give a delicate touch. Pastel pinks and blues have become very popular in sheer, dressy neckwear.

LONDON — (CP) — Pilot-Sergeant Raymond Lewin, of Kettering, wounded captain of a bomber plane, which crashed into an English hillside while taking off, has been awarded the George Cross for the gallant rescue of his junior pilot.