

## GERMAN SOLDIERS REACH GREEK BORDER POINTS

### Fresh Arrivals Of Canadian Troops Overseas

Soldiers, Airmen included in latest contingent; Men describe crossing as "quiet".

(By Louis V. Hunter, Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
A BRITISH PORT, March 2—(CP Cable)—Thousands of Canadian soldiers and airmen who disembarked at this port during the last few days headed today for camp to join their fellow countrymen in the defence of Britain.

Soon after their convey reached port the Canadians streamed ashore, singing and tossing caps into the air. They were welcomed by senior military officials of British and Canada.

There were units of anti-aircraft, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, Labor, Forestry, and graduates of the Commonwealth Air Training Plan. These airmen included pilots, observers and gunners, and among them, in addition to Canadians, were representatives of Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Poland, some of whom already had fighting experience and went to Canada to study advanced aviation.

Safe arrival of the convey, which was strongly protected, maintained the perfect record of the Royal Navy in transporting troops across the Atlantic. Not a single Canadian soldier has lost his life from enemy action during any of the numerous crossings.

### Free French Win victory

LONDON, March 2—(CP)—Headquarters of the Free French forces announced tonight that its troops in Libya, Italian North Africa, had captured the Oasis of Cufra, taking 1,000 prisoners and "important war material."

De Gaulle troops from the Cameroon and the Cameroons of French West Africa have besieged the Italian garrison at Cufra since Feb. 7, commanded by Gen. Eduard Rene Maitte de Larminat.

Cufra lies more than 600 miles inland in southern Libya, separated from British forces along the coast by desert.

Another oasis, Giarabub much closer to the coast, has been in French hands for weeks under British siege.

### Report Thailand, Indo-China are in agreement

SAIGON, French Indo-China, March 2—(AP)—The Vichy government has agreed to Tokyo's plan for settlement of the territorial dispute between Indo-China and Thailand. A Japanese spokesman claimed today that French colonial representatives at Tokyo are withdrawing their consent, hoping to minimize the concessions to Thailand.

The spokesman, commander Taro Yamamura, claimed, however, that the Japanese expect prompt signature of the Tokyo agreement. Japan has demanded that the French cede to Thailand large areas of the Indo-China provinces of Laos and Cambodia.

Officials at Hanoi, the French colonial capital, nevertheless said they had not been informed of any Vichy decision.

VICHY, March 2—(AP)—An informed source intimated tonight that France had agreed to Tokyo's request that she come to terms with Thailand but said she had not consented to the concessions asked.

It was indicated that the French reply made, or to be made in Tokyo, was a compromise offer as the basis for further discussions.

### ONE DOG'S BIG DAY

BERMINGHAM—(CP)—Rex, a dog belonging to W. J. Humphries of Birmingham has been rescued alive after being buried for six weeks in the debris of a bombed house. The dog is recovering.

### Coming Events

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### Yugoslavia May join Axis soon

Nazis Believed Seeking Second Route For the Passage of Troops Towards Greece.

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, March 2—(AP)—Yugoslavia soon may sign the Axis three-power pact, authoritative sources reported tonight. These sources said this resulted from conferences between Prince Paul, the Yugoslav Regent, and Viktor Von Heeren, German minister to Belgrade.

Scarcely had Bulgaria entered the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance Saturday, they said, than Von Heeren requested a special audience.

He was said to have been received last night. Authoritative sources said Von Heeren "informed" Prince Paul that his conversations last week with the German Foreign Minister, Ribbentrop, concerned Yugoslavia's position in the Nazi plans for a new European order.

They said he reviewed Yugoslavia's position in the light of recent developments in the Balkans, especially Bulgaria's adherence to the Axis pact, and "touched" on the question of Yugoslav mobilization in which troops are being sent to the Bulgarian frontier.

Von Heeren, they added, mentioned that this "unhappy" is costing Yugoslavia the equivalent of \$1,075,000 a day.

These sources, Von Heeren "alluded" to the strength of German arms in Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria (almost surrounding Yugoslavia with her Italian and German frontiers).

The final discussion before the (Continued on page 3, Col 7)

### Island Premier Gives address At Kingston

KINGSTON, Ont., March 2—(CP)—Premier Thane A. Campbell of Prince Edward Island said in an address here tonight that he believed the present United States policy of aid for Britain had more possibilities than an outright declaration of war would have.

Prime Minister Campbell said: "There is a growing certainty of complete and voluntary co-operation by the United States. I think the problem of our status has been wisely left to the American people to decide for themselves."

"I think they have adopted the means of providing the greatest help for Britain for I think there might be decided disadvantages to their declaring war at the present time."

In his opening remarks he said Canada's unity "is not without the significance that the foremost place in securing this unanimity belongs to Quebec."

### Eden arrives In Greece

ATHENS, March 2—(CP)—British foreign secretary Anthony Eden arrived today by plane from Turkey and was received by King George II.

Accompanying Mr. Eden was Gen. Sir John Dill, chief of the British Imperial staff, who participated with Mr. Eden in talks with Turkish leaders during their stay in Turkey.

The foreign secretary plans to stay in Athens a few days.

### Italian bombers Attack 'quake Stricken City

ATHENS, March 2—(AP)—Italian bombers struck at the earthquake-stricken city of Larissa today during the peak of relief work. A government spokesman said, but no additional casualties resulted.

Buildings already shattered by Saturday's quake crumpled under the impact of bombs after the city's population had been removed, he added.

On the central Albanian military front the Greek army was said to have thrown back repeated Italian cut-throat attacks aimed at re-occupying positions captured by the Greeks. The Fascists suffered heavily, the spokesman said, with dead and wounded strewn on the slopes of the mountains.

More than 19,000 persons were said to be homeless in Larissa as a result of the earthquake, which shook northern Greece.

### Rumanian Oil Fields Bombed

First military move by British against Nazis' Balkan partners.

### Magnetic storm Causes trouble

NEW YORK, March 2—(AP)—Waning magnetic and atmospheric storms, which broke up wireless and cable communications with Europe and plagued domestic communications Saturday, disrupted some short wave circuits intermittently today.

Rome and Berne were silent throughout the day although radio corporation of America communications and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company reported other circuits virtually back to normal.

### British bet No invasion

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, March 2—(CP)—Britons are betting 100 to 1 against a Nazi invasion of the British Isles succeeding, Rear Admiral F. R. Barre, R. N., said today after arriving in Canada on a mission for the British admiralty.

A Nazi invasion attempt would be a "lost hope," the admiral said. "British determination and the fortress-like strength of Britain do not allow it to fail."

Rear Admiral Barre, who is on his way to the United States for a visit of three or four months, said he did not believe the remainder of the French fleet would be turned over to the axis powers. Even if it were, he said, the axis strength still would not be enough to dislodge Britain from command of the seas.

### British Planes Raid German Coastal Positions

Nazis pound scattered British targets but do little damage.

LONDON, March 2—(CP)—British planes raided Germany and the Netherlands coastal points today in a quick follow-up of night bomb assaults on western Germany which the Air Ministry said left a "multitude" of fires in the Rhine City of Cologne.

The Air Ministry said German airbases at Borkum, an island northwest of Emden, just across from Holland, and Hamsted, and the port of Harlingen-Holde, were attacked by planes of the coast-1 command.

On the home front, London had an hour-long air alarm in the early evening—the first alert in the capital since shortly after midnight.

A Royal Air Force gunner who took part in the three-hour assault on Cologne Saturday night, said it was like "firing out of a sunset" when his bomber turned homeward.

Docks, railway targets and oil installations in the industrial Ruhr Valley, at Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and the "invasion coast" port of Boulogne, France, also were raided Saturday night by the British fliers, the Air Ministry reported.

### War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)  
MARCH 3, 1916—British forces consolidated captured positions on the Ypres-Cambes Canal. Senussi tribesmen surrendered to British troops at Sidra, Barran, Western Egypt. French defences firm in Battle of Verdun.

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Mackey, whose head was bandaged, was taken to hospital for examination after his arrival at nearby St. Hubert airport. He was able to leave the plane without assistance.

### Turks restrict Traffic through Dardanelles

Units of Turkish Fleet Speed Towards the Strategic Straits.

ISTANBUL, Turkey, March 2—(AP)—The Turkish Navy Ministry announced tonight that the strategic Dardanelles Straits has been closed to all ships except those having special permits and employing Turkish naval crews.

The ruling went into effect Sunday night. Units of the Turkish fleet, it was learned at the same time, steamed out of Istanbul towards the Dardanelles during the day.

These moves came as the German envoy, Franz V. von Papen, was reported to have suggested that Turkey offer to mediate the war, but Britain through Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, now in the Balkans, was said to have refused to consider mediation.

Mr. Eden, informed sources said, gave his answer when sounded out on the matter during his visit to Ankara last week.

No explanation was offered immediately for Turkey's action in shutting the Dardanelles to any traffic except under strict Turkish control and for speeding her fleet from England.

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### Death yesterday Of Mr. Archibald Irwin here

Mr. Archibald Irwin, 73, died at his Charlottetown home yesterday. He had been in failing health for two weeks. He was a native of Halifax but had resided in this city for 60 years. His father, the late William Irwin, came to Canada from England.

Mr. Irwin was a printer all his life. When he came to Charlottetown he was employed on the old "Examiner," a daily here then. Subsequently he became manager of the paper and remained in that position for some time before starting in business for himself. He opened the Irwin Printing Company here in 1900 and has carried on the business since.

He was regarded as one of the best qualified, all-round printers in the Province, and built up a very substantial commercial job-printing business.

For a time he edited and published the old "Prince Edward Island Magazine," which for literary and historical interest, retains a unique position in the journalistic records of the province.

Mr. Irwin was a charter member of the Charlottetown Rotary Club and retained his membership until his illness forced him to resign. He was then appointed an honorary member, sharing that distinction with Mr. Justice A. E. Arsenault.

He was a past master of Victoria Lodge, A. F. and A. M. He was survived by his wife, formerly Miss Helen Mason of Charlottetown and a son, Malcolm Irwin. Edwin Irwin of Charlottetown is a brother.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon, Burial will be in Sherwood Cemetery, a few miles from here.

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### Bulgaria Sees Nazis Take Over Under New Pact

Expect British break with latest addition to Axis partner within few days.

SOFIA, March 3—(Monday)—(AP)—The vanguard of Germany's onrushing Balkan army, speeding across Bulgaria from bases in Rumania, was reported to have reached the Greek frontier at four points early today.

The Germans also sped toward the Turkish frontier. Two train loads of infantrymen were dispatched from Plovdiv, Bulgaria's second largest city, toward Turkey.

Reports from the provinces said small Nazi detachments had taken up quarters in the Bulgarian towns of Slatograd, Melnik, Trigrad, and Svilengrad, a few miles short of the Greek frontier.

Other troops were said to be rolling into Plovdiv.

SOFIA, March 3—(Monday)—(AP)—British quarters in Bulgaria's capital said early today that Minister George Rendel had informed King Boris Britain would break off relations with Bulgaria "probably Tuesday" and that a state of war would "undoubtedly follow."

The British Minister and King Boris were alone for two hours Saturday night, talking in the Monarch's study. The talk was described as friendly. King Boris met the Minister on the palace steps and escorted him into the study.

Mr. Rendel was understood to have expressed regret felt by the British Government that Bulgaria should sign the Axis pact and open the country to German armies, since Britain must resist the German march and Bulgaria may become a battleground.

King Boris was understood to have replied that he had chosen the course which he believed best for his people. The German and Italian ministers were received by Boris just before Mr. Rendel entered the palace.

### Commissioner Will fly here

SOFIA, March 2—(AP)—The German soldiers swarming the streets outside, Bulgaria's single-chamber Parliament approved today with cheers Bulgaria's joining of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo military and economic alliance.

A voice vote was taken with about a score of the 150 members opposing confirmation of the pact signed in Vienna Saturday. Five opposition members who de-

LONDON, March 2—(CP CABLE)—Rupture of Anglo-Bulgarian relations can be expected momentarily, but informed British sources stressed tonight that it would be due solely to the presence of un-informed Nazis in the Balkan kingdom, and not to Bulgaria linking up with the Axis in the Tri-Partite Pact.

The break will come when George Rendel, British minister to Sofia, seeing no further justification for remaining, asks for his passport. He has been given the same discretionally power to make such a request as was Sir Reginald Hoare, Minister to Rumania, who left after the Nazis entered that country.

This will be Britain's first concrete reaction to the Bulgarian move and may come Monday. Observers immediately speculated on what action is to be taken in connection with the German forces in Bulgaria.

manded debate on the question were shouted down. They continued their criticism, however, despite the continual ringing of a brass gong by the speaker, and Parliament adjourned with some of the members still waving their arms and trying to make themselves heard.

The vote was taken after Premier Bogdan Philoff told Parliament that Bulgaria had been forced by "pressure of events" to throw herself into the arms of the axis.

Even while negotiation was under way, Germany requested "permission" for her troops to enter.

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### Bennett silent On proposal

LONDON, March 2—(CP Cable)—Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, former Prime Minister of Canada, today greeted with silence a suggestion advanced in the Ottawa House of Commons last Thursday that he be asked to investigate Canada's aircraft production.

Mr. Bennett's attention was called to an Ottawa dispatch while he was reading a newspaper. He looked up and listened to the suggestion with silence and resumed reading without comment.

The suggestion was made by John Diefenbaker, Saskatchewan Conservative. There was no government reaction. Mr. Bennett is one of the group of four Canadians in the Ministry of Aircraft Production who are known as the "Busy B's". The others are Lord Beaverbrook, the Minister; Beverley Easton, the writer and member of Parliament, and J. P. Bickel, Toronto financier and mine operator.

### Commissioner Will fly here

LONDON, March 3—(Monday)—(CP Cable)—The Daily Mail said today that Malcolm Macdonald, high commissioner designate to Canada, would fly to the Dominion in about a fortnight.

The newspaper said that Mr. Macdonald's sister, Sheila, would follow soon afterwards.

### AN ASSISTANT IS THE FELLOW WHO DOES ALL THE WORK



TORONTO, March 2—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Vancouver	47	54
Edmonton	43	11
Regina	7	13
Winnipeg	6	9
Toronto	16	42
Ottawa	5	23
Montreal	15	30
Quebec	24	42
St. John	29	41
Halifax	31	37
Charlottetown	30	35

### FORECAST

Maritime Provinces: Moderate to fresh winds; partly cloudy and comparatively mild; probably scattered snowflurries.

Synopsis: The weather has been milder over the greater part of Ontario with snowflurries in the far north. It has been colder in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and moderately cold in Alberta.

High tide this afternoon at 1:55 and tomorrow morning at 1:56. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:49 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:33.

First quarter moon March 6, 3:43 a.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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