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FRENCH BATTLE FIERCELY AGAINST NEW TANK DRIVE

British Troops Take Up New Prepared Position

Withdraw West Of Brussels To Protect Flank — Public Asked To Keep Stout Hearts.

BULLETIN

LONDON, May 18—(Saturday)—(CP)—British general headquarters issued the following communique early today:—

"Successful operations were carried out by the B.E.F. yesterday. Several enemy aircraft were brought down by anti-aircraft and small arms fire in addition to successes of the Royal Air Force.

"Morale of the troops is very high."

(By Sam Robertson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, May 17—(CP Cable)—The War Office tonight announced that British troops had withdrawn to prepared positions west of Brussels but that the readjustment had been carried out without interference.

The public was called upon to keep "stout hearts and cool heads."

"Britain has faced tests like this before," said an authoritative source.

The War Office declared there was "no question of a collapse or break-through" in the Brussels sector, where Allied and Belgian troops had fought bitterly to halt the Germans east of the city, in the vicinity of Louvain.

"During the night of May 16-17, certain adjustments to the front having become necessary, the B.E.F. was withdrawn to positions west of Brussels," it said. "This readjustment was carried out without interference."

Following the strategic withdrawal, British troops now are dug in along a canal which runs to the south of the Belgian capital.

The reason for the withdrawal was said to be that the Allied command had foreseen some days ago that the German column which now has penetrated into France could swing to the northwest, toward the sea and attempt a pincer movement crushing the former British position.

It was stated that while the situation is serious it is far from critical.

No Reason for Dismay

Looking broadly at the situation that has developed in the past week, since the Nazis invaded Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg, authoritative quarters in London emphasized there is nothing at the moment to cause dismay but clear vision backed by courage and de-

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British Place New Guards

LONDON, May 17 —(CP Cable)—A stout barricade of barbed wire was thrown around the grey stone admiralty building, nerve centre of the royal navy, today. Khaki-clad soldiers with bayonetted rifles sloped across their shoulders marched at sentry-duty at its few traffic entrances.

While officials were silent on reasons for the precaution, which was not considered necessary at any time in the last war, it was assumed to be part of the "at the ready" plan instituted since Nazi parachute troops were employed so successfully in the invasion of the low-countries.

It was understood barbed wire protection will be established around other key government buildings.

A night and day military guard was established during the day about Broadcasting House, home of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Wartime Strength Of Air Force

OTTAWA, May 17—(CP)—Wartime strength of the Royal Canadian Air Force has been fixed at 3,500 officers and 41,000 airmen, according to an order-in-council tabled in Parliament today.

Adopted on Feb. 23, the order states that the strength mentioned shall be the maximum, and shall include the permanent active air force, the special reserve, and such members of other British Empire forces attached to the R. C. A. F. temporarily.

Coming Events

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"Talkies—Mt. Stewart Monday. L-397-5-16-3i.

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"Talkies—St. Peters, Wednesday. L-518-5-18-2i.

"See "Correspondence Courtship" at 40, Y. P. players, Mt. Stewart, May 21st. L-414-5-18-1i.

"Don't bake this morning. Baptist Guild Cake Sale at Moore & Leod's. L-506-1i.

"C.W.L. sale of home cooking Saturday afternoon at Holman's. L-543-5-17-2i.

"Orange Twelfth of July Celebration at Springfield. Come and enjoy yourself. L-87-5-4-11-18.

"White Spot dance every Monday and Friday night. O. K. Press's Band. L-260-5-9-tf

"Lottery, Ice Cream and Dance, St. Mary's School, Lot 22, Tuesday night, May 21st. L-545-5-18-21-2i

"Rummage Sale Central Royalty Women's Institute at Barbour and McDonald's Show room, Saturday, May 25, at 6 o'clock. L-587

"Rummage Sale at Blue Dot Rec Hall, in aid of P. E. I. Hospital, May 18th, 4 to 8 P. M. L-485-5-17-2i.

"Taylor's talking pictures and stage show, Bradalbane Hall, May 17, 18. Victoria Hall May 20, 22. L-533-5-17-2i.

"Concert in Fredericton Hall, Wednesday at 8 o'clock, one of the best that was ever put on. Talent from Charlottetown, Compton and Clark included. Admission 15c. L-568-5-18-21-2i.

URGE SPEED IN CANADA'S WAR EFFORT

Conservatives Join Heartily In Liberal Speaker's Plea For Action.

OTTAWA, May 17 —(CP) —Appeals to the government and Parliament to speed up Canada's war effort and, at the same time, to provide against after-war problems, were heard in the House of Commons today from two young members who moved and seconded the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

"Measures should be taken to permit re-establishment in normal life of those who were not afraid to compromise their future to serve the cause of justice and defend a threatened civilization," said Hugues Lapointe (Lib. Lotbiniere), moving the address.

James Sinclair (Lib. Vancouver North) said Canada should "mobilize with ruthless speed every resource of this vast country," in order that the Allies might receive sorely needed war materials.

Dramatic Interlude

A dramatic interlude occurred before the address was moved when Opposition leader Hanson asked the Prime Minister if he had any information on the grave war news which reached Ottawa in the early afternoon.

Mr. King read an official communique which stated German forces had penetrated the Allied lines and that "the situation is serious but is not considered critical."

Mr. Hanson offered the Prime of the Conservative opposition in any measures he might desire to Minister the whole-hearted support

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Appointment Of Lt. Col. Fielding Is Announced

OTTAWA, May 17 —(CP) —Two important military appointments and a number of others, the first of many expected in the next few weeks, were announced today by Defence Minister Rogers.

Col. Maurice A. Pope, until now director of military operations and intelligence at national defence headquarters, becomes Colonel General staff at Canadian military headquarters in England and Col. R. A. Fraser of Montreal becomes Officer commanding the 2nd divisional artillery of the Canadian Active Service Force.

Other appointments to the 2nd division are the commanders of the three brigades of artillery. Lt.-Col. F. P. Lloyd of Cobourg, Ont., will command the 4th Field Brigade, Lt. Col. R. E. G. Roome of Yarmouth, N. S., the 5th brigade, and Lt.-Col. P. C. Tess, of Vancouver, the 6th brigade.

Appointments to auxiliary units include Lt.-Col. P. S. Fielding of Charlottetown to command the 2nd medium brigade, artillery.

Major W. A. I. Anglin of Saint John has been made general staff officer Grade 2, assigned to liaison duties at the general staff branch of the 1st division.

Investigate Disturbance At Regina

REGINA, May 17 —(CP) —Military authorities today began investigation into disturbances in Regina last night which resulted in damage of several thousand dollars.

Soldiers of several units of the Regina Garrison were said to have been included in the body of men which marched from the central business district and raided the Austrian Kitchen, eleventh avenue restaurant; the German-Canadian club hall, the Ukrainian Labor-Farmer temple and a poolroom.

Brigadier C. B. Russell, district officer comanding, expressed regret today and stated every effort is being made to ascertain the ringleaders. "The necessary military disciplinary action will be taken," he declared.

The heaviest damage occurred at the pool room where John Fiesel, owner, estimated his loss at $3,000.

While a crowd of more than 400 soldiers and civilians was present when the disturbance was at its peak, it was believed that only from 80 to 100 men took part in entering the damaged buildings.

A rumor that Nazi sympathizers planned to celebrate Hitler's conquest of Holland was the apparent motive for the disturbance.

The rumor was that a group of German women planned a celebration of Hitler's Holland victory and [illegible] German resident of Regina had predicted the swastika would be flying from the post office flagstaff within a week.

British Press Faces Facts Of Reverses

LONDON, May 18—(Saturday)—(CP CABLE)—The press today called on Britons, who did not need much of a pep talk even in the face of the grave war news, to keep their chins up, work hard and not believe any wild rumors. No effort was made to minimize the situation and all the newspapers played up on their front pages reports of German penetration in Belgium and France.

Heading its editorial "Back To The Wall," the Daily Express reprinted Lord Haig's immortal message of April 12, 1918, adding that "in 1940 as in 1918 the same Allies stand ready to fight through terror to triumph."

The paper declared that "every person in this country who passes on rumor, who opens his ears to hear defeatist stories and opens his mouth to speak them is helping Hitler's cause."

Four Dead In Plane Crash

Flying Officer George Auld, Formerly Of Charlottetown, Among Victims Of Disaster.

TRENTON, Ont., May 17—(CP)—The bodies of four officers of the Royal Canadian Air Force were brought to their station here for burial while a court of inquiry opened into the crash in which they died early today.

The victims were:—

Flight Lieut. H. B. Jasper, Winnipeg; Flying Officer J. E. Pidcock, Montreal; Flying Officer G. E. Auld, Toronto; and aircraftsman J. R. Kean, Windsor, Ont.

Their plane, a big Noorduyn Norseman, mushroomed into Cooper's Swamp near the tiny eastern Ontario Hamlet of Eddystone, about 25 miles west of Trenton. The impact partially buried the machine in the swamp.

The crash occurred in the darkness before dawn. The bodies were found in the cabin.

Farmers saw a flash immediately before the machine plunged into the swamp and a burned-out parachute flare was found hanging on a tree near the wreckage.

The countryside was awakened by the roar of the low-flying plane which almost struck some farm buildings just before it crashed. Farmers said apparently "something was wrong with it" because "it made an awful roar."

The R. C. A. F. party from Trenton took charge and the bodies of the airmen were brought here for burial, with full military honors, tomorrow.

An official statement issued at Ottawa said the fliers were engaged in a cross-country night navigation flight and had left the R. C. A. F. station at Camp Borden shortly after midnight last night following their arrival from Trenton.

At Toronto, district headquarters announced the cause of the crash "is at present unknown," adding a court of inquiry had been convened and that any further details would be released after the inquiry.

Flying Officer Auld joined the R. C. A. F. in January. He was a graduate of McGill University and had attended school in Prince Edward Island, where the family once lived.

Flying Officer George E. Auld had many friends in Charlottetown who will be shocked to learn of his tragic passing. A son of the late Mr. George M. Auld, well-known wholesale produce merchant, Charlottetown, he was a graduate of Prince of Wales College and also of McGill University, where he specialized as an architect and later became a member of the firm of Wilson and Auld, in Montreal. Shortly after the outbreak of war he offered his services as a mathematics instructor in the air force. He was stationed at Trenton and attained the rank of Flying Officer.

A brother of Mr. Auld was killed in the Air Force in the last War. There survives only one brother, Professor Clyde Auld above referred to. A sister Marion (Mrs Robert Beal) Hamilton, Ont., also survives and an Uncle, Mr. Ernest Crabbe, Borden. An Aunt, Mrs. W. J. Robertson resides in Toronto.

He was educated in West Kent School and the St. James Sunday School in this City. He is 32 years old.

The remains will be brought to Charlottetown early Monday evening, and interment will likely take place Tuesday evening.

Allies Face Serious Menace

Three Factors Seen Preventing Situation In France From Being Critical.

By J. F. Sanderson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, May 17 — (CP) — Britain and France are face to face with the most dangerous menace to their existence as free nations since that dark dawn hour of March 21, 1918, when the Germans launched the attack against the British 5th army which almost won the first great war for the Kaiser.

German armored divisions have punctured or breached an extension of the Maginot line near Sedan, penetrated deep into France, and spread like a fan.

One of these German columns has turned northwest toward the English Channel, forcing the British forces defending Brussels to withdraw to prepared positions, to avoid being caught in a pincer movement.

In its bald outline, that is the situation tonight. There is no disposition here to hide its gravity but there are three factors pointed to as emphasizing that it is not critical, far less is it catastrophic.

In the first place, French troops are holding the flanks of the break in the extension of the Maginot line. The line itself ends at the Luxembourg border farther to the east.

Secondly, this break has been accomplished by the new technique of using heavy tanks as battering rams while low-flying bombers help them to clear the way.

Germans May Over-reach

But no fleet of tanks however numerous can accomplish definite superiority unless they can maintain uninterrupted contact with their supply base, especially for gasoline. The French have thrown reserve troops in to the battle to hold the flanks and it may yet be shown the Germans have over-reached themselves just as they did in the first battle of the Marne in September, 1914.

The third factor is the proven superiority of the Allied warplanes, particularly the British to Goering's vast armada. German air casualties in the battle so far have outnumbered the Allied losses by three

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Fierce Air Raids Continued By R. A. F.

By Pat Ussher
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, May 17—(CP CABLE)—The Royal Air Force tonight continued its relentless bombing of enemy communications to hamper the advance of German columns, and the Air Ministry announced the Nazis had lost more than 1,000 aircraft since the invasion of the low countries was launched May 10.

Heavy damage was caused by bombing raids on communications in Western Germany, on mechanized columns, tanks, transports and gasoline reserves, the Ministry stated.

It denied the German claim that Allied aircraft losses have numbered 1,462 machines, saying that the German high command "must have published their own losses in error." The Allied losses have been only a small fraction of the German claims.

The estimate of German loss was based on careful study of all sources of information, the ministry said, but it warned that the enemy's reserves "are considerable and they for a time at least are able to sustain their effort."

SPY-WATCHFUL DRUMMERS

BIRMINGHAM —(CP) — Commercial travellers are considering measures to prevent German spies moving about the country as salesmen as many did in the First Great War.

TWO CANADIANS KILLED WHEN LINER BOMBED

Island Member Of Crew Escapes Uninjured.

LONDON, May 17 —(CP)— Canadian crewmen of the Belgian liner Ville De Bruges were among hundreds of refugees from Holland and Belgium who arrived in London on train after train today.

Fifty-three survivors of the Ville De Bruges, the former United States liner President Harding, arrived in one group. They told of the deaths of two Canadian and two Belgian seamen when the 13,869-ton liner was bombed by the Germans near Antwerp Tuesday, and beached.

The Canadians killed were identified as David Dunn, about 52, of Hamilton, Ont., and Daniel Duffy, 50, formerly of Montreal. (In Hamilton it was believed Dunn was David Dunn, former steel company of Canada employee who left there two months ago to join the Ville De Bruges.)

Dunn, or Donn was the first assistant engineer. It was believed he was overcome by fumes after the bomb explosions. Duffy died in hospital 24 hours after the ship was attacked.

All refugees told of ruthless attacks either in the low countries or on the rescue ships that brought them to Britain. British women with babies held close in their arms and Irish priests were among them.

Simon Crabbe, third officer on the Belgium liner, Ville de Bruges, bombed and beached near Antwerp this week, escaped uninjured, his wife was informed today. Mr. Crabbe, formerly a member of the crew of the carferry S. S. Charlottetown, operating across Northumberland Strait, joined the Ville de Bruges two months ago. Both he and his wife were formerly of Charlottetown. Mr. Crabbe lives at Borden.

Women Parachutists

One man reported that parachutists who came down in Belgium included women. They used transparent cellophane parachutes and were dressed in sky-blue overalls, so that they were almost invisible in the air. They burned their parachutes as soon as they landed.

Belgian vigilance against the invaders was indicated by an Irish priest, member of a party of five from St. Anthony's College in Tournai, Belgium.

On arriving at a Belgian channel port, the priest said, he was shadowed on suspicion of being a disguished parachutist. As he walked to church he saw signals pass between a French officer and someone on the street. Footsteps sounded behind him, keeping pace with his own. He knew he was being trailed.

He entered the cathedral. As he knelt in prayer the caretaker came up, and murmured that police wished to speak to him. He was able to prove his identity and they retired.

Telling how German planes repeatedly attacked the fleeing groups, the priest said mothers had crouched over their sleeping children to act as living shields.

"It was a miracle that we were not hit," he went on. "There was

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Canadian Airmen Includes Eight Casualty List

LONDON, May 17—(CP CABLE)—The Air Ministry tonight issued a casualty list that included eight Canadians, three dead, four missing and one wounded. The complete list included 16 killed, three wounded and 96 missing in action as well as 11 killed, five wounded and 10 died on active service.

The list did not specify dates.

The Canadians:—

Pilot-Officer A. F. Lemaistre, previously reported missing, now reported killed in action. His father lives in Winnipeg.

Pilot-Officer J. T. Berryman, killed on active service; born in Toronto, his family now lives in Wembley, England.

Pilot-Officer L. O. Rogers, Lloydminster, Sask., killed on active service. Father, T. C. Rogers, lives at Lloydminster.

Corporal G. H. Dixon, missing, believed killed; native of Manitoba, family lives at Wembley, England.

Pilot-Officer A. W. Matthews, missing, born at Lethbridge, Alta., father lives at Moncton, N. B.

Acting Flight-Lieut. E. Parker, missing, father lives at Vancouver.

Flying-Officer A. C. Roberts, missing, Father J. J. Roberts, lives at Vernon, B. C.

Pilot-Officer A. F. M. Wilson, native of Petrolia, Ont., father lives at Waterloo, Ont.

Gamelin Gives Orders To Stop Enemy Advance

Enemy Attacks Increase In Violence In Desperate Effort To Drive Home Victory.

PARIS, May 17—(CP)—The French army, under orders from General Gamelin to "die on the spot rather than give further ground," resisted a German tank drive into northern France tonight in a clash described by the Allied High Command as "a veritable melee."

Hitler's invaders carried their week-old offensive on the western front to a peak during the day with violent attacks in Belgium and France in a desperate effort to drive home a victory.

The German thrust through Belgium struck at Brussels, from which King Leopold's Government moved to Ostend, on the North Sea.

The drive into France was directed through a pocket carved out of the battle-scarred northern plains.

DESTINY HINGES ON BATTLE

"The fate of the Fatherland, that of our Allies and the destiny of the world depends on the battle in course," General Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the Allied forces, said in an order of the day.

"British, Belgian and Polish soldiers and foreign volunteers are fighting at our side. British aviation is fighting to the end, like ours.

"Any unit which cannot advance should permit itself to be killed on the spot rather than abandon an inch of the native soil which has been entrusted to it.

WE MUST CONQUER

"As always, at grave hours of our history, the word of the order is today: 'Conquer or die! We must conquer!'"

French troops barring the way took their stand around the Sedan-Rethel-Sambre triangle, driven 35 to 40 miles into France after the German break through the Meuse front.

The Germans attacked on the west side of this bulge around Avesnes and Vervins, roughly 10 and 15 miles from the Belgian border, striving to take control of the main northern highways.

The bulk of the Germans' heavy tank divisions lumbered into the fray following armored cars and Whippet tanks which led the advance.

Giant Tanks

French advices from the front said the giant machines were striking out in small numbers driving far from their bases in defiance of old established military laws for protecting the flanks of advancing forces.

How far they had progressed tonight could not be determined.

Air Forces Active

German planes took over the task of protecting the armored advance forces and tangled with Allied aviation in innumerable dogfights.

British pursuit planes alone were

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International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON —B. E. F. withdraws to the west of Brussels, taking up prepared positions; Air force announces toll of 1,000 German planes; situation serious but not critical in Belgium and France; public urged to keep stout heart.

PARIS—Allied high command orders every soldier to die in his place rather than retreat.

BERLIN —Army command claims German troops enter Brussels and reach Antwerp's northern forts. (These claims not confirmed by Allies.)

ROME —Italy, still on sidelines, sees relaxation of British contraband control.

ATHENS — Greece calls up new class of soldiers.

VOTE FOR HANDSOME

MILWAUKEE — (CP) — Some envious fellow-man analyzed the all-time high vote for Mayor Carl Zeigler and found the increase in his votes from women was 15 times greater than that from men.

TORONTO, May 17 —(CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	28	64
Vancouver	44	67
Edmonton	37	67
Regina	46	60
Winnipeg	43	73
Toronto	42	57
Ottawa	45	54
Montreal	50	53
Quebec	41	47
Saint John	48	60
Halifax	44	49
Charlottetown	51	66

FORECAST

Maritime Provinces: Fresh south and southwest winds; unsettled with occasional showers and some fog.

SYNOPSIS

The weather has been moderately warm in the western provinces with light showers in some sections of Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan. Light showers have also occurred in many sections of Ontario.

High tide this morning at 7.37 and tonight at 8.19.

Sun sets this evening at 7.25 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.27.

Full moon May 21, 9.35 a. m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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