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De Gaulle Is Expected To Visit Ottawa Shortly

British, Japs Clash In Burma

Island Officer Promoted Overseas



CAPT. W. R. BURNETT

HALIFAX, Dec. 29—(CP)—Promotion of several officers who formerly served in M.D. No. 6 and now are overseas has been announced by Ottawa. They include:

To be Acting Captain:
Lieut. William R. Burnett, 4th Nova Scotia Regiment, son of James Robertson Burnett, 24 Upper Hillsboro St., Charlottetown.

Capt. Burnett enlisted for active service at the outbreak of the war, he then being in camp with the Prince Edward Island Highlanders (Black Watch). He served with the battalion in various duties in Nova Scotia and was later transferred to the Prince Edward Island Company of the North Nova Scotia Highlanders at Amherst. He went overseas with his battalion in September 1941 and was shortly afterwards transferred as liaison officer on the headquarters staff of the Highland Brigade. Since then he has served as an instruction officer with the Divisional Infantry Re-enforcement Unit in England.

EDMONTON, Dec. 29—(CP)—Effective Jan. 4, all Alberta liquor stores and licensed premises will operate on an eight-hour day basis, it was announced today by J.A. King, chairman of the Alberta Liquor Control Board.

Coming Events

- Special Entertainment, Mt. Stewart Friday, 12-30-21.
- Talkies—Montague, Saturday, 12-30-21.
- Talkies—Souris Monday, 12-30-21.
- Farmers wishing to ship hogs advise McGuigan and Boyle, 12-16 to 30.
- Auction and Dance, Vernon Hall, Wednesday, December 30th, Millview Orchestra, 12-29-21.
- Loading hogs at Colville until 1 P. M. Thursday, December 31st, 12-30-21.
- Best Royal rink tonight, hockey practice 8 to 9, skating after, 12-30-11.
- Dance postponed, Millview Hall until Wednesday, January 6th, Millview Orchestra, 12-30-11.
- Notice—will not be attending market again until April. Will deliver phone orders over \$1.00. Ernest H. Burke, Phone 1591-12, 12-30-21.
- We are buying live and dressed chickens and fowl daily, paying top market value. We also receive Turkeys, Ducks and Geese. Phone or write for prices. Island Cold Storage, Ltd., 12-15-21.
- Crapped Creameries will unload egg of oolake at Albany, Tuesday, Wednesday, December 29th and 30th. Farmers are advised to take it off car and save storage space, 12-29-21.
- Loading hogs Thursday, Dec. 31, Summerside till 1 p.m., Kensington till 3 p.m., Bulman and Hunter River same date till noon, McQueen and Campbell, 12-30-11.
- Notice—During Christmas and New Year's weeks we will be loading live hogs at Albany, Wednesday, P. M. and Emerald Thursday until 11.30, G. O. Green and A. C. Green, 12-31-21.

LONDON, Dec. 29—(AP)—A clash between British and Japanese troops at Ratchabong in Burma, only 26 miles north of Akyab, included military observers here today, it was learned. Sir Archibald Wavell's Indian Army is closing down Burma on that strategic city.

In addition to depriving the Japanese of a valuable base from which to bomb India, the capture of Akyab would give the Allies a good airfield from which to pursue the enemy along the Irrawaddy River from Stangoon to Mandalay.

It was emphasized, however, that the clean cut Ratchabong probably represented no more than a "large-scale raid" by Gen. Wavell's troops and that the main British offensive to recapture Burma and reopen the Burma road to China obviously had not yet begun.

Observers were incensed to discount a report by the Axis-controlled Paris radio that British troops already have penetrated the Chinwin River valley east of the Chin Hills, which is a possible invasion road towards Mandalay.

Recent communications from New Delhi, however, have mentioned vigorous patrol action in the Chin Hills.

In a statement today at New Delhi, Gen. Wavell said merely his army was "getting every day into a better position to fight the Japanese consistently and successfully."

H.M.C.S. Iroquois Is Commissioned

By Allan Randall
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

A BRITISH PORT, Dec. 29—(CP) CABLE—In this famous shipyard, within sound of riveting and hammering on new ships being built, H.M.C.S. Iroquois, a power tug, was today christened by the Royal Canadian Navy as the Iroquois.

The actual date and place of the christening ceremony is not yet known, but it can be said the vessel will be at sea in the near future.

And the fact the ship's officer commanding, Comdr. W. B. L. Holmes, a "straight strip" from Victoria, B.C., took over the vessel and immediately took up the christening duties at work made the commissioning more of an impressive event.

Named after the famed Indian fighting tribe, the vessel was the first of a number of Canadian tribal destroyers launched in Britain during the last year. Mrs. Vincent, the Mayor of London, Canadian High Commissioner, christened her.

After the Iroquois launching came the launching of other H.M.C.S. Iroquois, the first of a class of Canadian Tribal Destroyers, christened by Lady Tweedsmuir, the Hon. by Countess Minto and the Hon. by Lady Laurier, sister-in-law of the Prime Minister.

The Iroquois is the first vessel of this class taken over by the R.C.N. This is the largest vessel in the Canadian Fleet. It is of a type which has already earned undying honor in all major actions of this war from the Canadian High Commissioner to escort work on Russian and Malta convoys.

20 Injured In Collision

LAZARE, Man., Dec. 29—(CP)—Twenty persons were reported injured today when two Canadian National Railways trains collided head-on today at Lazare, 204 miles west of Winnipeg.

Sgt. Joe Scarpelli, about 34, of Brantford, Ont., was reported to have suffered severe internal injuries and a fractured skull.

The crash occurred when the east-bound Comestral Limited, moving at slow speed, smashed into the engine of a military train which was backing into a siding that already contained a freight train, eye-witnesses said. The troop train which was westbound, was unable to clear the main line.

The engine of the troop train was derailed.

Many windows in both trains were broken, and a diner was reported badly damaged.

Fighting French To Resume Broadcast

LONDON, Dec. 29—(CP)—The fighting French will resume their nightly broadcasts to France which were halted Nov. 10 during Admiral Jean Darlan's negotiations with the United States command in North Africa. Andre Philip, a member of Gen. Charles De Gaulle's national committee, announced tonight.

The regular broadcasts were said to have been terminated in order to avoid embarrassing the British Government with criticism of the Darlan deal.

Arrival Date In U.S. Not Made Public

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29—(CP)—President Roosevelt confirmed today reports that Gen. Charles De Gaulle, Fighting French chief in England, will come to the United States soon.

Gen. De Gaulle is expected to visit Ottawa also after his Washington stop.

Mr. Roosevelt told a press conference he expected to see the general here soon.

Told there were reports his visit had been delayed at the request of Admiral William D. Leahy, Presidential Chief of Staff, Mr. Roosevelt said that was not true. He added that De Gaulle had not been delayed but that his trip had been merely postponed—twice.

The President conferred earlier in the day with two representatives of Gen. Henri Giraud, French High Commissioner in North Africa, but he said there was no discussion then of the question of French unity.

He said he talked with Gen. M. E. Bethouart and J. L. Dubreuil about supplies for French troops in North Africa.

More U. S. Troops Land At Dakar

LONDON, Dec. 29—(CP)—The Morocco radio said tonight that a second contingent of American troops had landed at Dakar, French West Africa, and had occupied the airfield there, across the southern Atlantic from Brazil.

This was a development of the French West Africa campaign, which was announced by Gen. Henri Giraud, Allied advance lines are less than 40 miles from reaching the sea and interposing between Rommel and the Tunisian forland.

French Colony Joins Allies

LONDON, Dec. 29—(AP)—French Somaliland was formally joined to the Allies today by Gen. Charles de Gaulle's national committee and it announced that Andre Bayardelle has been sent to direct as Governor to administer the resources of the East African colony in behalf of the United Nations.

It was the last French African possession to be severed from Vichy—except for contested Tunisia, where the issue remains in doubt.

To Command French Forces

LONDON, Dec. 29—(CP)—Reuters News Agency said the French Army headquarters in North Africa announced today that Gen. Alphonse Juin, former military aide to Gen. Auguste Nogues, Governor-General of Morocco, had been appointed commander-in-chief of French forces in North Africa.

Jun had succeeded Gen. Henri Giraud, who has remained in command of the French forces in North Africa. Juin was Vichy's commander-in-chief in North Africa when the Armistice was signed at Algiers after the Allied landing last month.

R.A.F. Fighters Cross Channel

LONDON, Dec. 29—(CP)—Twenty R.A.F. fighter squadrons swept across the French coast in snow and wintry winds, two German pilots machine-gunned homes in the streets and bombed homes along the southeast English Coast today.

An Air Ministry communique said: "Mosquito planes of the bomber command attacked railway targets in France. Two of our fighters are missing." Dispatches from Folkestone said the R.A.F. planes had headed toward Calais.

Two German fighter pilots, flying along the roof-tops, caused some casualties as they strafed people with machine-gun fire and dropped bombs in residential areas in one town. Several houses were destroyed by one bomb which bounced over two streets.

The ministry of information reported, meanwhile, that German dive bombers are using new type bombs described as "silver balls" that crackle and seem to explode in the air. The bombs were dropped in Libya.

War Situation Last Night

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst)

Although the gains made by the Red Army in Russia dominate the war news, there are increasing signs that the reunited Anglo-American Fighting French Allies in Tunisia will soon attempt to break the stalemate there.

No such intimation can be read in French or Anglo-American bulletins from the scene. They have depicted for many days only give-and-take positional struggles for tactical advantages or clashes of scouting patrols.

Nevertheless, there can be small doubt that Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's command is making ready behind the screen to crash forward in force to crack the Axis hold on the Tunisian forland. This will be done if possible before Rommel's army fleeing from Tripolitania can join forces with air and sea-borne Nazi comrades rushed to garrison the Bizerte and Tunis triangle and its short-cut corridor down the Tunisian east coast.

Doubt that Rommel aims to effect that junction in Tunisia is rapidly diminishing. Fighting French sources report his advance elements already filtering into Tunisia across the southeastern border.

If that is so, the remnants of the once victory-wreathed African Corps are strung out for nearly 300 miles along the coast of Tripolitania from the Tunisian border to the point 180 miles east of Tripoli where its rear guard is in ever-retiring contact with the British 8th Army. The head of the steel snake inching its way into Tunisia, if that is its destination is still distant more than 200 miles from the indicated south flank of the Allied line hemming in the Bizerte-Tunis triangle.

West of Sousse, Tunisian port on the Gulf of Hammamet which appears to be the main objective of the French commanded by Gen. Henri Giraud, Allied advance lines are less than 40 miles from reaching the sea and interposing between Rommel and the Tunisian forland.

Third Annual War Review Optimistic

Turn Of Tide Came Aug. 31 With Failure Of Rommel's Drive.

LONDON, Dec. 30—(Wednesday) (AP)—The Allied invasion of North Africa and Russia's great second winter offensive have blasted Germany's hopes of enjoying a "creative pause" during the cold months, the War Office said today in its third annual review of the war.

Linking the British 8th Army's success in Libya with the Tunisian campaign, the Russian offensive and the Japanese failure to oust the Americans from the Solomons, the highly optimistic review declared:

"Not merely was the oriental partner of the Axis fully occupied and on the defensive in his own sphere at the year's end, but the European members of the Axis were themselves on the defensive."

The year 1942 was declared to have marked a "significant turning point" in the war on land—the passing of the general strategic initiative from the Axis to the United Nations.

Axis Flood Turns

First signs that the Axis flood "might be turning to ebb" came Aug. 31, the review said, when Field Marshal Erwin Rommel tried an unsuccessful offensive in Egypt, but was held up on the night of Oct. 23, when Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's 8th Army struck the Germans and Italians at El Alamein that "the United Nations may be said to have begun demonstrably to capture the initiative."

The defeat of the Africa Corps, the War Office said, showed the first real results of Britain's three-year struggle to create an army trained and equipped to fight the Germans on even terms.

Today, it said, British infantry is a "mobile master of varied and effective weapons, confident that it has the measure of the enemy."

"It no longer is the plodding, mud-encumbered F. I. (poor bloody infantry) of the past, nor the ineffectual gallants swept back by the weight of metal to the beaches of Dunkerque."

In Tunisia

Discussing the campaign in Tunisia (Continued on page 6, Col 4)

Six Prisoners In Jail Break

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 29—(CP)—Six prisoners were reported to have escaped from the Essex County Jail in Sandwich. They were said to have slugged a guard, now in hospital. Details of the escape were not available immediately.

WIN BAKING LAURELS use BLOSSOM CANADA THE ALL PURPOSE FLOUR

Col. Full To Command New Reserve Brigade

HALIFAX, Dec. 29—(CP)—Formation of a new reserve army brigade—the 42nd—has been started, it was announced tonight by Headquarters of Military District No. 6. The brigade will include all reserve units in Prince Edward Island, Northern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton.

Headquarters will be at New Glasgow, N.S. Officer Commanding will be Lt.-Col. G. E. Full of Charlottetown, formerly in command of the 17th (Reserve) Armored Regiment.

When organization of the new formation is completed, the district will have two complete composite reserve brigades. For some time the 36th Brigade has been functioning with headquarters at Halifax.

Both brigades will be mobile and will have full artillery complement.

In taking over his new duties, which will be part time only, Lt. Col. Full will assume the rank of full Colonel.

A native of Charlottetown, Col. Full has had a distinguished military career. He joined the 6th Signal Section here in 1909, and was commissioned in the 82nd Infantry Regiment as a Lieutenant in 1911. He served in 1914 with the Composite Battalion at Halifax.

In 1915 he joined the 106th Battalion as Captain and Adjutant and served with his regiment until it was disbanded in England for re-organizations.

He served in France with the 3rd Canadian Divisional Engineers, first as Lieutenant and later as Captain, and was mentioned in despatches in 1918.

On the reorganization of the Militia after the war, he was appointed second in command of the P.E.I. Light Horse, and commanded the regiment from 1926 to 1931, when he was succeeded by Lt. Col. F. I. Andrew.

He was A.D.C. to Lord Willingdon, Governor General of Canada, from 1928 to 1930; A.D.C. to Governor General, Lord Tweedsmuir, from 1931 to 1939; and is now A.D.C. to the present Governor General, the Earl of Athlone.

On the formation of the P.E.I. Light Horse as a reserve regiment last June, Colonel Full took command, and has held this position up to the present.

Man Fatally Injured In Mill Accident

Mr. Vernon Parsons Of Millvale Dies After Being Struck By Belt.

LONDON, Dec. 29—(Wednesday) (AP)—The death of a 28-year-old resident of Millvale was fatally injured about noon yesterday in his father's mill in that Queen's County town, when he was struck on the head by a belt after it broke and died a half-hour later without regaining consciousness.

Dr. J. R. Macpherson of Hunter River was summoned but the injured man died before the doctor reached him. His injuries included a fractured skull.

The young man was married at Charlottetown on December 18 to Miss Lillian McInnis, a neighbor girl from Millvale. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Parsons.

Following the accident, Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Charlottetown and Coroner Dr. J. J. Yeo were notified. Dr. Yeo decided an inquest was not necessary.

The mill is a combination lumber mill and grain crushing plant.

Surviving in addition to his grief-stricken parents and wife are two sisters and a brother. They are Mrs. Sheldon Stewart Millvale; Mrs. Jack Hazen whose husband is in the army and who is believed to be residing in Moncton, and Elmer Parsons, a French River.

Funeral arrangements were not complete last night.

Death Toll Set At 36

ALMONTE, Ont., Dec. 29—(CP)—With the death toll officially at 36 and all the dead identified, inquest was held tonight on the three fronts into the Canadian Pacific Railway crash here Sunday night.

Besides the dead, 155 were injured. Most were taken to Ottawa by special train following the crash and Ottawa Civic Hospital officials said an even greater number were in their care had only the barest chance to survive.

Unable To Handle All Air Mail

OTTAWA, Dec. 29—(CP)—Postmaster General Mulock said today Commercial Aircraft operating between the United Kingdom and North America could handle only about 10 per cent of air mail posted in the United Kingdom for delivery in Canada and the United States.

As a result, many letters posted in Great Britain for airmail delivery have been, and will continue to be, dispatched by such surface facilities as may be available, the statement said.

Identification Changed

One identification was changed today. The body of a man in the uniform of an Army Corporal, tentatively identified as that of Cpl. G. O'Brien of Petawawa, Ont., was positively identified as that of Cpl. Robert Oliver of Petawawa and Montreal.

The inquest Jan. 7 will be held on the body of Eldon Montgomery of Arnprior, Ont., one of the first victims to be identified after the disaster.

Cause of the wreck was still unknown. There remained the bare grim fact that a speeding troop train from Petawawa came smashing into a loaded Pembroke-Ottawa local standing in Almonte station. The local carried many passengers returning from Christmas holidays at Ottawa Valley points.

NEW DEPARTURE
HALIFAX, Dec. 29—(CP)—In a new departure for Nova Scotia, a woman has been appointed private secretary to the Province's Lieutenant-Governor. The Royal Gazette today announced the appointment of Miss Audrey MacDonald to the position formerly held by Lt.-Col. W.B. Almon, who recently resigned.

Capture Of Key Railway Center Is Big Victory

Twin Steel Rings Closing Around One Million Germans.

LONDON, Dec. 29—(CP)—A British military source said tonight that Russian capture of the key railroad centre of Kotelnikowski means extermination of what remained of the members of Germany's 6th Army around Stalingrad.

The Russian advance inflicted what British sources hailed as a "first class defeat" for the harried Germans. Kotelnikowski is a key town on the Stalingrad-Krasnodar railroad about 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad.

"The capture of Kotelnikowski is a most significant success which even the Germans will not be able to hide," said the British military source.

"Its capture means the extermination of Col. Gen. Hermann von Hoth's 6th Army, or what remains of its 24 divisions surrounded near Stalingrad, because the only chance the Germans had of getting relief through was along this railway."

Great Goal Achieved

MOSCOW, Dec. 30—(Wednesday) (AP)—Russian troops have captured Kotelnikowski, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad, in the onrush effort to reach Rostov on the Sea of Azov and trap a 1,000,000-man German army stalled in the Caucasus and before Stalingrad.

A special Soviet communique issued early today announced: "Our troops occupied the town and railway station of Kotelnikowski. Large trophies were captured, among which were 17 planes and a convoy of tanks."

The regular Tuesday midnight communique also announced the capture of Torgovaya, 55 miles southeast of Kotelnikowski, and about 40 miles north of Elista, provincial capital in the Kalmuck steppes of the Caucasus.

Local Airman Is Graduate

WINNIPEG, Dec. 29—(CP)—Air bombers today presented with badges at No. 5 Air Observers' School, R.C.A.F., included A. D. Kelly, Bridgewater, N.S., and D. H. MacLennan, Charlottetown.

Staggered Business Hours In Halifax

HALIFAX, Dec. 29—(CP)—Staggering hours of business for several types of Halifax stores will go into effect Jan. 4, the Civic Transit Committee ordered today, to relieve the transportation burden on the city's tramways system during rush hours.

Except on Fridays and Saturdays, store hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for clothing, hardware, department, shoe, music, furniture and variety stores. Hours of other stores are not affected.

The move, first of its kind in the Maritimes, was given the approval of regional transit controller Albert C. Wagner.

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When Doctors Say Killing Shortens Life I Guess They Mean 'Single Life'

High tide this afternoon at 4:59 and tomorrow morning at 6:05. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:57 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:58. Last quarter moon, Dec. 30, 2:37 p.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY
From Borden—Leave 9:05 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Leave Cape Tormentine—10:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE (MAY 31 TO DEC. 27 INCLUSIVE)
Leave Borden 9:00 a.m., 6:45 p.m., Leave Tormentine 10:15 a.m., 8:00 p.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)
Charlottetown—Summerside—Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:05 p.m.

BULLETIN

LONDON, Dec. 30—(Wednesday) (CP)—Indication that the Allies plan to bomb targets in France was seen today in a BBC warning to the French to keep away from German headquarters, as well as factories and railway centres being used by the Nazis.

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