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## NEW ALLIED INVASION IN FULL SWING

### Two D. F. C. Winners Home



**WING CMDR. KEEFER**  
Two Island air heroes in the persons of Wing Commander G. C. Keefer, D.F.C. and Bar, and Flight Lieutenant Clarence W. Higgins, D.F.C., arrived home yesterday.

Wing Commander Keefer has been one of the most brilliant RCAF overseas during recent months. At present he is staying with his unit, Mrs. Gordon Hughes at Ingleman and expects to be in the Province for a month.

Born in New York, Wing Cmdr. Keefer enlisted in Charlottetown in 1940. He has been engaged in flying operations since September, 1941, and has to his credit eight enemy planes destroyed.

### Hitler's 4-Year Grip On France Is Slipping

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED SUPREMACY HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 15 (AP)—There was every indication tonight that Hitler's four-year clutch on France was nearing an end.

With preliminary reports indicating only isolated resistance to the new Allied invasion of France from the Mediterranean, the French underground aiding the squeeze play from the west and south, the Germans appear to be in a position from which they cannot defend the country.

### N. B. Election Said Important

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Aug. 15 (CP)—The New Brunswick election, Aug. 26 is "one of the most important, if not the most important, since Confederation," Hugh MacKay, Progressive Conservative leader in the Province, said in a radio address tonight.

"The future of Canada is being decided as one provincial administration after another goes to the polls," he said. "In these elections, in Ontario and British Columbia, in Alberta and Quebec this year, have all served to concentrate the continued and ever-growing dissatisfaction of the people of Canada with the Liberal party, and have emphasized the gradual disintegration of that once great party."

### COMING EVENTS

- \*Show — Crapaud Thursday, 8-16-21.
- \*Dance in Waterville School, August 18th. Good music. 8-16-21.
- \*Wanted — Good second-hand feed bags. McGuigan & Boyle, 8-12-51.
- \*Dance, Morell Hall, Wednesday, August 16th. Good music. 8-16-21.
- \*Booking orders for Asphalt Shingles. N. Aubrey Cutcliffe, 8-9-61.
- \*Dance, St. Peter's Bay, Friday 18th. Clifford's Orchestra. 8-15-21.
- \*Woods' Mill, Farmington, open to the public for sawing shingles. 8-16-21.
- \*Reserve Wednesday, August 22nd for Ice Cream Festival, Clyde River. 8-16-21.
- \*Dance in New Perth Hall, Friday, August 18th. Webster's Orchestra. 8-16-21.
- \*Dance in Albany Plains Hall, Friday, August 18th. Millview Orchestra. Luncheon. 8-16-21.
- \*Unloading car bulk oats and bulk crushed oats Thursday. McGuigan and Boyle. 8-16-21.
- \*Hospital dance McGregor's Warehouse, Montague, Saturday, Aug. 19. Webster's Orchestra. 8-16-21.
- \*Bagpipes at Souris. By kind permission of commanding officer, Col. Cotter, the band of the Pictou Highlanders are visiting Souris again tonight (Wednesday). 8-16-11.
- \*Unloading car baled shavings Wednesday and Thursday this week. Get your requirements for insulating, etc. off car as we will not be unloading again this season. Live-stock Marketing Board. 8-16-11.
- \*Great crowds at Souris Hospital Dance every Wednesday and Friday for more. Best of music, good floor, well ventilated. Every Wednesday. Best of music led by Clifford and Wildred. This Wednesday and every Wednesday. 8-15-16-21.

### Fire Situation Continues To Be Serious In N. B.

MINTO, N.B., Aug. 15 (CP)—Diminishing wind temporarily lessened the menace of forest fires in central and eastern New Brunswick this afternoon but the situation remained serious tonight.

Official word is that where Gen. Wilson, Allied commander in the Mediterranean theatre, had sent in his French, American and British landing forces was looking for hours. Nazi reports placed the scene of operations between Toulon and Nice with its centre of gravity along a 30-mile strip of coast between St. Raphael and Cap Dramont.

That would cover the better landing sites on the French Riviera coast, at best a difficult region for a major invasion effort. Beaches are narrow and backed by sharply rising mountains. Even enemy token resistance probably would have proved costly in Allied casualties. That Gen. Wilson had been pulling out for days, taking heavy portable guns with them.

### War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Sturgeon, Associated Press War Analyst

Pinched now between Allied forces in Normandy and in the French Riviera, Hitler's clutch on all France from the English Channel to the Mediterranean and west of the Seine and the Rhone River, is in process of being torn loose.

There were intimations that a sweeping German retreat in the west to shorten defence lines and conserve dwindling reserves might already have begun, thus accounting for the surprising lack of opposition to the Allies in the south when the first waves hit the beaches.

### Nazis Say supreme Hour Has Struck

LONDON, Aug. 15 (CP)—The supreme hour has struck "the German radio said tonight. 'It is the hour when we must throw our battle the last little ounce of strength.'

There were more horses entered in the various classes than ever before; more people watched the races than ever attended an opening day at the Charlottetown Exhibition; there were more cattle, horses, swine, sheep and poultry entered for judging than at any other Exhibition in the city's history; and the amusement part of the program is one of the biggest, most varied, and most colorful galaxys of features ever brought to Charlottetown.

### Expect French Guerillas To Go Into Action

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP)—Allied landings on the Mediterranean coast today are expected to unleash a huge force of Maquis—the French guerrillas in the nearby mountains who have already caused havoc among occupying German forces.

This opinion was expressed here today by high military officers who commented on the latest phase of the liberation operations.

### Promotion Of Patton Confirmed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP)—The Senate confirmed today the promotion of Lt.-Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. to the permanent rank of Major General a few hours after disclosure of his leadership of the American 3rd Army in Normandy and Brittany.

### Noose Tightens On Trapped Nazi 7th Army

By JAMES M. LONG

ALLIED SUPREMACY HEADQUARTERS, Aug. 15 (AP)—The German 7th Army was caught tonight in a tightening noose and fell back under pressure from the west for a possible suicide stand in Normandy's hills and hedgerows as Canadian and American troops maintained their squeeze on the narrow escape corridor through Falaise.

The United States 3rd Army, was within eight miles of Falaise and a junction with the Canadians appeared imminent.

Meanwhile American forces in the west and British forces in the northwest punched the German 7th back into the jaws of the trap today where some who had been subsisting on mouldy bread for four days. Officers angrily denounced the officers who had brought them to this debacle.

### Record Breaking Crowds Attend The Big Fair

Yesterday saw the opening of what bids to be the most successful exhibition in the city's history. The City of Charlottetown has never held. If the opening day is any augury of the days still to come then all records will go by the board.

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### Churchill Saw Final Preparations

ROME, Aug. 15 (AP)—The invasion of southern France permitted the disclosure today that the main purpose of Prime Minister Churchill's visit to Italy was to be here for final preparations of the operation.

Mr. Churchill left last week conferring with military leaders and seeing troops of the main base of the British force suffered neither casualties nor damage, the communiqué said.

### British-Canuck Naval Force In Action

LONDON, Aug. 15 (CP)—A British-Canadian naval force, led by the cruiser Mauritius, damaged seven German supply ships and other vessels and scored hits on a destroyer in three engagements today off the naval base of La Rochelle, between Nantes and Bordeaux, the Admiralty announced tonight.

The British force suffered neither casualties nor damage, the communiqué said.

### Rommel Recovering

LONDON, Aug. 15 (CP)—Field Marshal Erwin Rommel is progressing in his recovery after an accident, a German broadcast reporting a Berlin press conference said today.

Earlier accounts have said that Rommel, apparently the victim of an Allied air attack, sustained head injuries.

### Spanish Radio Says Canadians In New Landings

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (CP)—The Spanish radio (Radio Nacional) said today that one of the first Allied landing craft to arrive on a beach in southern France was loaded with Canadian and French soldiers. There was no Allied confirmation of the report.

The broadcast was recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

### Nazi Opposition To Canadians Collapses

By ROSS MUNRO

WITH THE 1ST CANADIAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 15 (CP Cable)—The Canadian army front suddenly spotted broken wide open tonight and leaving Canadian troops now are little more than a mile from Falaise and may enter the city within a matter of hours.

The Canadian officer commanding a formation attacking the city made the prediction as artillery shelled roads all around Falaise.

### Hitler Decorates Franz Von Papen

LONDON, Aug. 15 (AP)—Hitler has bestowed the Knight's Cross of the War Merit Cross with swords upon Franz Von Papen, German Ambassador to Turkey who returned home after Ankara broke off relations with the Reich, the Berlin radio said today.

The award was for special achievements and personal efforts, said the broadcast, and was given to Von Papen when he visited Hitler's headquarters.

## Little Opposition In Southern France

WITH AMERICAN FORCES IN SOUTHERN FRANCE (4 P.M.) Aug. 15 (AP)—A flabbergasted American army numbering many, many thousands, is well into Southern France this afternoon and going fast.

It has been done virtually without opposition and with amazingly small casualties.

The Jerries were caught completely by surprise. What few Germans were waiting for us have been scattered or captured. This ought to be the decisive blow for France, and everybody is astounded that it went off so easily.

## Germany Lost Up To 300 Planes Yesterday

ROME, Aug. 15 (AP)—Thousands of Allied troops swarmed onto the south coast of France today on a broad front between Marseille and Nice, seized and extended firm beachheads against inconsequential German opposition and drove northward with the avowed intention of joining the Allies in northwestern France.

Allied airmen who flew over the beaches late in the day said there was no sign of any concerted enemy opposition and that troops before dawn took the sentinel islands of Port Cors and Levant, 10 miles off from Moca and Cap Negro, on the mainland due north of the islands and 28 miles east of Toulon.

Other specific locations were not given, but beaches being placed merely in the 126-mile strip of coast between Marseille and Nice.

## Former Sec'y Of State Dies

MONTEAL, Aug. 15 (CP)—Hon. Charles H. Cahan, former Secretary of State in the Conservative Government of Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, died here today in his 83rd year.

Mr. Cahan was born at Yarmouth, N.S. in 1861 and was educated at Yarmouth seminary where he taught mathematics for a time before embarking on a newspaper career with the Halifax Herald and Mail. While working with the newspaper he studied law at Dalhousie law school.

He was married twice, first to Mrs. Mary J. Hetherington of Halifax who died in 1914 and later to Miss Juliette Eliza Charlotte Huin of Paris, France. He had one daughter and one son, the late Capt. John F. Cahan, former Minister without portfolio in the Nova Scotia Government.

## Says Allied Ships Unload At Cannes

NEW YORK, Aug. 15 (AP)—American liberty ships are being unloaded in the southern French harbor of Cannes, George Moorad, American radio reporter, said in a pool broadcast from Rome heard by NBC.

He added that "so far as we know at least 1,000 American heavy guns are being unloaded in the gigantic job of invading southern France."

## Second Phase Expected In Italy

By DOUG HOW

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN ITALY, Aug. 15 (CP)—The second phase in the summer campaign in Italy will fall soon upon the German divisions that have gathered themselves together after the storms of May and June and made July and early August days of plodding unspectacular advance for the Allied armies.

Gen. Alexander himself pre-arranged these forthcoming actions in the message to his troops that told of an extensive regrouping in order to proceed with the second and perhaps final stage of the destruction of the German armed forces in Italy.

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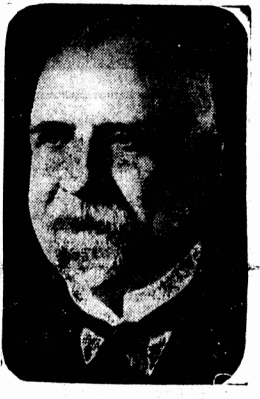
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THE WAY TO TAKE THE CONCEPT OUT OF A REFORMER IS TO GET HIM TO REFORM HIS OWN FAMILY!

High tide this morning at 9:11 and tonight at 11. Sun sets this evening at 8:07 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:08. New Moon August 18th, 4:25 P. M.

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Leave Charlottetown 12 noon.  
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Leave Charlottetown 5 p.m.  
Arrive Charlottetown 8:40 p.m.

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