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ALLIED FORCES INVADE NEW BRITAIN

German Rail Lines Into Italy Tangled By Bombings

Churchill's Condition Shows Improvement

Is Ill With Pneumonia In Middle East; Nation Anxious.

BULLETIN

LONDON, Dec. 17 (Friday) (AP)—The Air Ministry announced early today that R. A. F. bombers blasted Berlin last night for the fifth major attack on the German capital in less than a month following a United States heavy bomber raid in great strength against Germany's northwest corner. It was learned that several squadrons of R. C. A. F. Lancaster participated in the attack.

Roosevelt Back In The U. S. A.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—President Roosevelt, completing an historic wartime journey, has returned to the United States from the Allied military and political conferences in Casablanca and Tehran.

N. B. Youth Loses Life When Camp Burns

CAMPBELLTON, N.B., Dec. 16 (CP)—Byron Charles, 17, of Campbellton was burned to death early yesterday when fire destroyed a camp at Napier. A companion, John Chamberlain, escaped by jumping through a window after he awoke to find the camp in flames. Chamberlain apparently was overcome by smoke.

COMING EVENTS

- Madam Doyel, readings, 112 Prince, 12-16-31.
- Brookfield School Concert, December 22nd, 12-17-24.
- Christmas Concert in North Wilshire Hall, December 22nd, 12-17-11.
- Movie and Program, Earle-cliffe School, December 21st, 12-17-11.
- Reserve Tuesday, December 21st for Concert, New Haven School, 17-17-31.
- Pleasant Valley Church Concert postponed until Friday 24th, if stormy Monday, 12-17-11.
- Come to Christmas Concert, Bradabans, Wednesday, 12-17-24.
- Christmas Concert, St. Mary's School, Lot 22, December 22nd, 12-17-21-22-31.
- Christmas Concert, Flat River Hall, Tuesday, December 21st, 12-17-21.
- Wanted at once, large quantity dressed chickens, highest prices paid, R. L. Dickson, 12-14-31.
- Dance, Emerald Hall, Monday, December 27th, Sponsors Mrs. Ernest Clow Mrs. Leslie Traylor, 12-17-24.
- Wanted to buy live and dressed chickens and fowl. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Co. Ltd., 2-26-11.
- Livestock Marketing Board leading hogs at Freeport every Tuesday, one to three P. M., Monday, in charge, 12-16-31.
- Murray Harbor Shipping Club leading hogs Monday afternoon, December 20th, D. Day Brooks, Secretary, 12-17-11.
- Livestock Marketing Board leading hogs at Bedford Station Tuesday forenoon, December 21st until train time, A. R. McIntyre in charge, 12-16-31.
- Buying live chickens and fowl Monday, December 20th. Also buying dressed turkeys, geese, ducks, and chickens daily, J.P. Morris, Linkara, 12-16-31.

Canadians And Indians Push Nearer Ortona

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALGHERS, Dec. 16 (AP)—The slender railroad thread linking German and the 10th Nazi army in Italy was tangled yesterday by an accurate and concentrated attack by the United States 15th strategic air force on rail junctions in Austria and the Brenner Pass.

Ortona In Flames

Canadians and Indians of the 8th Army, struggling forward from their bridgehead across the Moro River near the Adriatic Coast, chopped the road between Ortona and Ortona in three places and reached a good position to bring heavy pressure on the blinding port of Ortona, which the Nazis apparently had fired in anticipation of its evacuation.

Four Airmen Killed In Training Crash

TORONTO, Dec. 16 (CP)—No. 1 Training Command of the R.C. A.F. today released the names of four men who died last Tuesday in the crash of a B-24 Superfortress training bomber at Mountain View.

17 Allied Ships Sunk In Harbor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Lack of adequate aerial defenses, especially fighter planes, around the support Fort Mifflin, was revealed by the loss of 17 cargo ships and 1,000 casualties two weeks ago today.

U. S. Bombers In Heavy Day Raid On Germany

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Large formations of United States heavy bombers, thrusting through heavy anti-aircraft fire with a screen of fighters, dumped explosives and incendiaries upon targets in northwest Germany today and destroyed 18 challenging fighters, it was announced tonight.

Senate To Probe Canal Development

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (CP)—Disclosure that the War Production Board and other federal agencies had recommended abandonment of the War Department's \$130,000,000 canal development in the Northwest Territory will be asked to appear before the Senate Committee on Public Works today.

TO REPAIR R. C. A. F. VEHICLES

MONCTON, N.B., Dec. 16 (CP)—Opening of a shop here for the purpose of repairing R.C.A.F. motor vehicles in New Brunswick was announced today. The work will be done by air force personnel.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

The bright prospect beckoning the troops who have landed at Arawe in New Britain is the hope of gaining a wide sea corridor to the Philippines once the Japanese anchor at Rabaul is uprooted.

Death Yesterday Of Coun. Sterns

The death occurred at the Prince Edward Island hospital yesterday morning of City Councillor John E. Sterns, one of Charlottetown's best known and most esteemed citizens. He was 48 years of age.

Reds Break Up Nazi Attack In Kiev Salient

LONDON, Dec. 16 (A P)—The Russians have scored defensively by breaking up a German attack on the Teteriv River about 55 miles west of Kiev.

Discuss Long-Term Bacon Agreement

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 (CP)—A long-term agreement which would allow purchase of bacon supplies from Canada over a period of four or five years has been suggested by Canadian officials and now is under consideration in London.

Nazi Paratroopers Fail To Stop Push

WITH THE 8TH ARMY IN ITALY, Dec. 15 (Delayed)—(AP)—The Germans threw two fresh parachute regiments into the knee-deep mud of the farmlands and olive groves bordering the Ortona-Ortona road today, but Canadians stopped them and inched ahead just short of blazing Ortona.

Barbers And Prices Board In Battle

WINNIPEG, Dec. 16 (CP)—A new war—a legal one—was in prospect today between the prices board and the master barbers' association of Winnipeg.

WIN BAKING LAURELS use BLOSSOM CANADA THE ALL PURPOSE FLOUR

Win Beachhead In Few Hours

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Dec. 17 (Friday) (AP)—Americans of Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's 6th army landed on the beaches at Arawe New Britain Wednesday morning and won their beachhead within a few hours, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today.

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Ceiling On Used Bags

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Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

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Leave Charlottetown 7.35 a.m. 12.05 noon, 4.30 p.m. Arrive Charlottetown 1.10 p.m. 5.45 p.m. 7.05 p.m.

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